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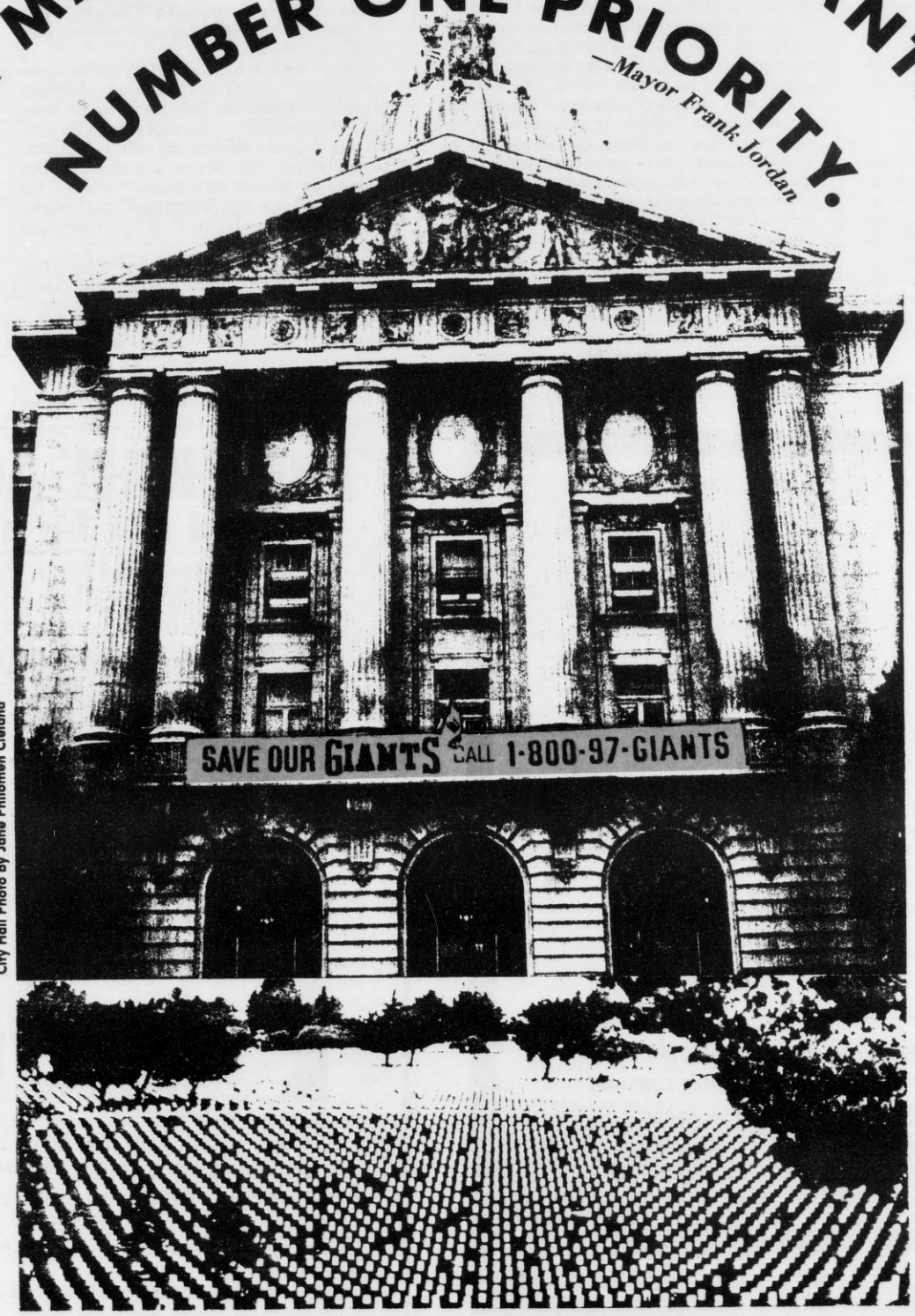
I WILL MAKE SAVING THE GIANTS MY NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

—Mayor Frank Jordan



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BUT, HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACES JORDAN'S $25 MILLION BUDGET CUT.

(letters)

Praise for Zayas

In reference to the article about Rosamaria Zayas and the CURAS Foundation ("Latino AIDS Agency in Battle for Its Future," *SF Bay Times*, Aug. 27), it should be noted that Ms. Zayas has had one sole concern for as long as I have known her—a commitment to helping gay Latin men and a concern for the special needs of this community.

After obtaining her position with CURAS, she would get up at 6 am and sometimes not return home till midnight on many workdays. She has been 200 percent committed to raising funds for CURAS. In fact, you could not hold a friendly conversation with her in her home for more than five minutes, because her phone was constantly ringing with family members of CURAS clients asking for help or assistance. That is just one of several examples of Rosa's commitment to the foundation.

Another time I met Rosa as she was walking her dog in the park and she just looked at me and started crying about all her brothers who are dying from this awful disease, and her wish for a cure.

So, in closing I must say that we as a community must have a woman of this strength and willingness to be on our team to fight this godawful disease.

Sheila Calabrio
San Francisco

Rosa's Love and Caring

I am shocked to have read such negative things said about Rosa Zayas! ("Latino AIDS Agency in Battle for Its Future," Aug. 27) They are not true!

Rosa works hard and long hours for CURAS. She loves her agency and is always working overtime at CURAS or in the hospital, caring for people who are sick with AIDS. As my therapist, she often cancels appointments with me because of her work and compassion, and the demands made by so many.

I am an HIV-positive woman and if it weren't for Rosa Zayas' counseling and her belief in me, I don't know where I would be today. Through her I have learned how beautiful and valuable I am. I now feel well-loved because she taught me how to give of myself as she gives to others. She gave me back my life.

I think the article you ran is a personal vendetta to get back at Rosa, and I am appalled. It hurts me and others to see this happening to a woman who has been active in community service for 17 years, and is so well-loved by so many.

Without Rosa's leadership, CURAS would never have met the required guidelines to remove the audit and get the fund money. The agency has been better off since Rosa Zayas became director.

I was sitting in Rosa's office while she was on the phone with a woman who donated a mansion to CURAS, thanks to Rosa. This was the second mansion given to CURAS because of Rosa's efforts to be out there and speak for her people.

It's just not fair that the *SF Bay Times* would publish such an article without printing both sides. I will do everything in my power to help a person who has given so much to others and expects nothing in return! We can't help but love Rosa for all she has done for her community!

Dorothy Bartolomucci
San Francisco

Queer Workers Unite!

First, I'd like to thank *SF Bay Times* for the coverage of the labor dispute between the Industrial Workers of the World and Miracle Mile Enterprises Corp./The End-Up ("Wobblies vs. End-Up: AB101 At Home?" Aug. 27). As it touches on all "queer" workers, our communities will surely benefit from a discussion of the matters at hand.

I just have a couple of points to make in response to your coverage. Primarily, I take issue with the personalized tone of the article. Despite attempts by End-Up management to render our direct action at the club "just Deke making trouble," this is very much a labor dispute between our union, the IWW, and the End-Up's ownership/management. Five of the six maintenance workers at the End-Up were organized as Wobblies. We'd already unionized; our effort was for union recognition from the End-Up's management.

Was the concept of a grievance procedure too much for them? Maybe it was the proposed nondiscrimination clause. At any rate, heads rolled, and we are now left to make our case on the sidewalk. Incidentally, those "other supporters" who have been picketing with us are our fellow workers (of whatever gender), also members of the IWW. We believe that "An injury to one is an injury to all," and we put that belief into action.

I sincerely thank *SF Bay Times* for giving the End-Up's general manager, Doug Whitmore, a chance to open his mouth and stick both feet into it. A few shining examples: Whitmore maintained that the collective self-management of the maintenance department wasn't running smoothly. Then why was it in effect for four months, winning universal praise within End-Up operations, up until the week we were fired?

We were fired because our work wasn't "up to minimum standards"—standards that didn't exist until we were fired. Once again, we were universally praised for our unparalleled good work, up until the week we were fired.

Whitmore claims Jay Hankey was a "temporary," on-call person. Jay was on-call—working hours when his health allowed him to, which was not a problem when we made our own schedules. Jay had, in fact, been working at the End-Up longer than any of the rest of us who were fired and/or suspended.

Whitmore says I was fired for "insubordination." That's a new one. (Personally, I've heard four different reasons as to why I was fired. Whichever excuse works best for the situation.) I guess unionizing is a cause for dismissal—at least at the End-Up.

According to Whitmore, maintenance had nothing to do with deliveries. For the 10-11 months I worked there, signatures of maintenance workers were on delivery receipts.

Finally, Whitmore characterizes the labor unrest that the End-Up has so richly earned as a "primarily personal vendetta that Deke has for me for firing him." Personalization is the ultimate ploy the End-Up uses to diffuse the very real fruits of its union-busting efforts. But this is ultimately a labor dispute—one between the Industrial Workers of the World and Miracle Mile Enterprises Corp./The End-Up—and all the denial in the world won't change that fact.

Surely the *SF Bay Times* can see beyond such crass tactics. No? Whitmore would love to believe that his problem is simply me. But he's got a bigger problem; he's got to reckon with the Industrial Workers of the World. We don't forget. We don't give up. And, unlike those still in the employ of the End-Up, we won't be divided and conquered.

Waking up is a drag. We stand fully accountable. Can the management of the End-Up say the same? Ultimately that's for all workers within the homo/bi/transgender community to decide. As for the IWW, we're confident that our truth always shows up on wash day, and the End-Up's got a lot of stains to hide.

For a world without bosses and the deadly games they play....

Deke Motif Nihilson
San Francisco

Teach Healthy Attitudes

In response to Thomas' letter ("Stop AIDS? Stop HIV phobia!" *SF Bay Times*, Aug. 27) about his unfortunate experience recently at a Stop AIDS Project event, what he experienced there is what's wrong with this whole mess about AIDS and HIV. Hell, it's been 12 years and people still don't know what's going on! It is perceived as a death sentence to have HIV or AIDS (or whatever it is—*they* still can't agree). And in the seropositive community, it is the grandest of dramas to compare T-cell levels, symptomology and the rest. Frankly, I'm bored with it.

But what especially irks me are the people whose little rumor-based ideas and theories fuel the myth that HIV equals AIDS and AIDS equals death. *According to whom?* Doesn't anybody read billboards, newspapers or the stickers on the backs of people's black leather jackets? Doesn't anyone remember that HIV was never proven to cause AIDS? *Doesn't anyone listen?*

It's time for the small-minded gossip-filled hearsay-based, so-called "leaders" to step aside. Their vomit has polluted the community and skirted the truth for too long. It's not just the Republicans or traditional-values fundamentalists or the Nazi-hets telling these lies, as evidenced by the incident at Stop AIDS Project and the Bush Lies campaign. Too bad those people never take the chance to check out the facts.

The current perceptions and beliefs about this dilemma seem surreal and nightmarish. The theory of AIDS was taken as fact and swallowed hook, line and sinker.

When faced with chaos, naturally, I want to make sense of it, put things in order. So, faced with the chaotic AIDS arena— seeing how so many people died not only because they believed they would, but because everyone told them they would—was a psycho-drama at least. So for me, I chose to move out of the realm of the problem—silence, secrets,

GIFT OF MYSELF (Part 1 of 2)

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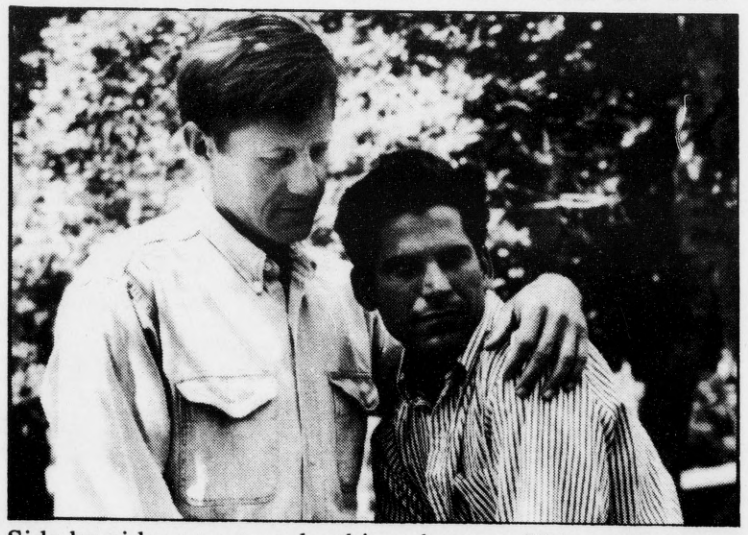

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whispering, denial, fear, rumors, lies, statistics, people telling me how to think—and found radiant, abundant health in the process. I can think very well for myself, thank you! I don't listen to "end of the world" sermons or world views which don't give me the freedom to envision myself just as I please. I listen to very little of the "AIDS industry" and medical science and pharmaceutical pill pushers. I refuse to take their drugs (poison). I refuse to believe HIV is a death sentence (Surprise! Everyone gets to die sooner or later!). I refuse to allow people to tell me I'm dying, because I'm not. I refuse to let them tell me they have "compassion" (read pity) for me. Pity kills!

This entire ordeal is only information. It's what I choose to do with that information that counts. Looking back on the 12 years of AIDS, at what has worked and what hasn't, isn't it clear that the old images don't work? Why repeat the same mistakes over and over again? The lip dis-service being handed to us by the outside community is sad enough, and we don't need it from each other as well.

I encourage others to expose their experiences with the ignorance within our own community. The quicker we help everyone come out of denial about HIV and AIDS, the quicker we can get on to teaching healthy attitudes.

Thanks, *SF Bay Times,* for being part of the solution.

Sam Mather
San Francisco

Klubstitute Horror

Some kinks need to be worked out as regards to Klubstitute's new location at the 11th Hour on Market Street.

During the Aug. 25 production of The Sick and Twisted Players' version of *The Amityville Horror,* I was continually distracted by ridiculous and petty pseudo-heckling from a group of straight people. The clan consisted of six individuals, neatly paired into a total of three heterosexual couples. They appeared to be a typical bridge-and-tunnel group, replete with acid wash, Stu-Stu-Studio styling gel, and the correct proportion of brown suede to pastel cotton. (Unfortunately, the same description could also be applied to much of the 11th Hour's staff, which includes several "regular guys" with that "I still live with Mom and Dad" look so often found in lounges at Marriott and Dunfey Hotels.) Members of the group were obviously freaked out by the Klubstitute crowd, and they became quite vocal in expressing their discomfort.

They asked their waitress, in volume far exceeding an offstage whisper, what she had been doing that evening "to get tips from the queer boys." With timing and delivery equally cliche, she responded, "I wore lavender."

Not one minute after this exchange, that same waitress asked me what I would like to drink. Repressing the urge to reply, "Your blood," I simply said, "Nothing," and found myself having to suppress yet another urge to trip her as she sauntered away.

The homophobic comments and heckling continued for more than 20 minutes, although the performers did not appear to hear this. As I scanned the room, I could see that Ggreg Taylor was enjoying the show; that Don Baird was busy acting in it; and that Diet Popstitute was busy being Diet. I wondered if the incident would be made known to any of them.

Finally, a bartender approached the group of straights and said, "Listen, guys, those folks are serious about what they're doing, so I'd appreciate it if you'd keep it down." While I was relieved that a staff member was attempting to correct the situation, my primary thought about his approach was, "Close, buddy—but no cigar."

Rather than trying to make the S&TP production appear serious, I wish somebody had approached the bigoted lot and asked them what it felt like to witness their value system being parodied. Alas, as experience has taught me, such an intellectual approach would no doubt have flown over their heads, resulting only in an increase, both in frequency and volume, of epithets.

I left Klubstitute early that night, before the end of the first act. As a stage performer, I have come to readily differentiate between healthy and unhealthy heckling. What *The Amityville Horror* suffered was in no way within the spirit of fun.

I avoided personal confrontation with the homophobes out of the suspicion that it would result in a fight—initiated, perhaps, by me, as my emotions ran high due to the incident. I will not try to pretend that I am not somewhat ashamed of my inability to address the situation.

Yet I am confused, to the point of not knowing how to respond. My confusion results from feelings of shock, anger and hurt. Encountering bigots at Klubstitute, of all places, provided me with yet another tangible reminder of how intolerant society is.

I urge Diet and those organizing Klubstitute to smooth out the apparent rough edges created by attempting to integrate gay cabaret into otherwise predominantly straight environments. For starters, they could pay closer attention to the door, providing unfamiliar patrons with the news of what occurs inside.

Gregory O'Neill
San Francisco

Support Columbia, Missouri

On July 20, the Columbia, Mo., City Council voted to extend equal civil rights protection to gays and lesbians. This historic action established Columbia as the first city in Missouri to pass such a law.

Fundamentalist opponents have wasted no time, threatening to gather signatures to force an initiative that, if passed, would amend the city's charter by repealing the legislation and prohibit any future legislative attempts at human rights legislation that includes lesbians and gays.

Columbia's activist gay and lesbian community is small and stretched to its limits. Financial support is needed to beat back the repeal referendum. Please make your check payable to: Lambda Anti-Repeal Campaign Committee, PO Box 861, Columbia, MO 65205-0861. Do it today.

Keith Politte
San Francisco

Hail Hootenanny

Thank you for the excellent review of the Hootenanny at Great American Music Hall, which included Indigo Girls, Joan Baez, Kristen Hall and disappear fear ("Lounging About," Aug. 27). One point though: Under the photograph it said "Sophia of disappear fear." It's actually Sonia, ("Sonia, Sonia, Sonia, that's what she said").

Sonia

Committed to Being Women

I strongly disagree with Cherise's letter ("Respect Lesbian Born Women," *SF Bay Times,* July 2). She feels that transsexuals who insist on using women's services are showing disrespect for our "lesbian-born" sisters. This is an unfortunate and flawed argument. What we are saying is that if we are committed to being women, we have as much right to use the services as any woman.

Cherise feels it "smacks of male entitlement" for us to insist we have this right. Nonsense. She goes on to say, "Lesbians have had their asses on the line" and that "we are just beginning to understand" their struggle. Transsexuals have had their asses on the line for as long as there have been patriarchal, heterosexist cultures.

Most indigenous cultures have ways of accepting and honoring our unique, transgender status. The Zuni, Lakota, Klamath and others highly revered their transgendered/transsexual women and men. But when Cristobal Colon and his pirates invaded what is now called Hispaniola, they set dogs upon the indigenous, transgendered people, the berdache. The Christian missionaries, the United States government and the Nazis all singled out transgendered people for torture and other genocidal practices.

It was transsexuals and other transgendered people who were among the leaders of the Stonewall uprising in 1969. This was the whole raison d'etre for Gay Freedom Day! We should be leading the parade (or at least be duly recognized for our part), not trashed by some misguided, genderphobic lesbians and gay men—and above all, not by our own sisters!

Some feminist and Marxist pseudo-scholars have argued that transgendered people are tools of the patriarchy or the capitalist ruling class. And yet we have been at the forefront of the fight against oppression since it began, and we are usually singled out for oppressive treatment by fascist and fascist-like regimes.

Cherise seems to feel that lesbians are the only ones subject to violence and other forms of oppression. What about transsexuals in the Tenderloin and in homeless shelters, who continually face harassment and violence on the streets and elsewhere? These people are often excluded from shelters, hotels, restaurants and even social service agencies. They get cut off GA, AFDC; called unfit parents if they change their gender status; and get labeled crazy and locked up in psychiatric wards. Indeed, many have become mad after years of violence and oppression.

As a counselor in the Tenderloin for the past six years, I have seen many lives destroyed by an oppressive, unjust society that completely invalidates transsexuals' lives: by police who are as brutal as any gay-basher; by johns who abuse or kill them; by Medi-Cal, which continues to defund services for disabled transsexual women and men; by a psychiatric system that tries to "bring them to their senses" with drugs, electro-shock and labels; by landlords who refuse to rent and restaurants that refuse to serve.

I stand with my lesbian sister and gay brother and others in their struggles for self-determination. However, I steadfastly refuse to move to the back of the bus for a lesbian just because she happens to have an XX chromosome pattern. Biology is not destiny and I have as much right to that seat as she. I have struggled, as have many other transsexual women and men, to overcome sexism. I do not wish to cause disunity, but neither will I fail to assert my rights as a fellow human being.

Christine Tayleur
San Francisco

This Election—Too Important to Ignore

I am writing in response to a letter published in the *SF Bay Times,* Aug. 13 ("Democratic Party Poop,"), from Michael Petrelis, a member of ACT UP/New Jersey, who said, "I will not be voting in November and may never cast a ballot for Gov. Bill Clinton. I cannot cut my queer conscience to suit this year's homosexual political fashions."

Michael, I, too, am a member of ACT UP. I have been involved with numerous demonstrations and have participated in many fundraisers. I can sympathize with your general distrust of politicians. You see, I'm from the twentynothing generation. I grew up with Ronald Reagan and George Bush, witnessed the rise and fall of Donald Trump and saw the sexual revolution turn into the AIDS generation. I'm a college graduate and unemployed; the thought of ever owning my own home seems unrealistic. Michael, I understand your pessimism.

I voted for Jerry Brown in the primary election this year. It's not that I didn't like Bill Clinton; it's just that Brown seemed to speak a language that I could understand and identify with. I wanted to know that I voted for a candidate who seemed to understand my anger and frustration.

When San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg came out in support of Clinton, and when I learned that Al Gore was to be his running mate, I started to pay closer attention to the ticket. Tuning in to the Democratic Convention, I took notice of a few things that I had never seen or heard before. The words "AIDS" and "gay" were spoken in Bill Clinton's acceptance speech. Never before had any presidential acceptance speech included these two words. When applause greeted Clinton's attempt to be inclusive, my 12 years of pessimism changed to hope.

You can't deny the fact that Clinton has made positive statements concerning the gay community and the AIDS pandemic: inclusion of gays and lesbians in the military; abolition of the INS discrimination act; and action on the proposals made by the Federal AIDS Commission. Whether these words turn into actions is another question. I do, however, believe that Clinton will do his best to pull through with his ideas.

I understand the concern that the gay community has over the anti-sodomy law in Arkansas. Clinton did, quietly, lobby against the law, but the conservative Legislature in that state has a great deal of power. Besides, one has to realize that governing a state which has a small population of open gays and lesbians is different from leading this country.

Michael, you stated that you have already decided not to vote this coming election. Personally, I feel that if you follow through on this, then you have no right, for the next four years, to complain or protest the future actions of this country's government. This election is too important to ignore.

Bill Clinton has put himself on the line for our community, and the Republican Party has done nothing but condemn him for his support of us. As usual, the Republicans want to divide and conquer. Prove them wrong and vote in November. If George Bush and his "family values" win this election, it will send a message to the rest of the world that America supports a president who gay-bashes and who views AIDS as "their problem."

Michael, I ask you and others like you—no, I beg you—to rethink your position and vote in November. We need to send a message that gays and lesbians are no longer outcasts in a sea of self-righteous,

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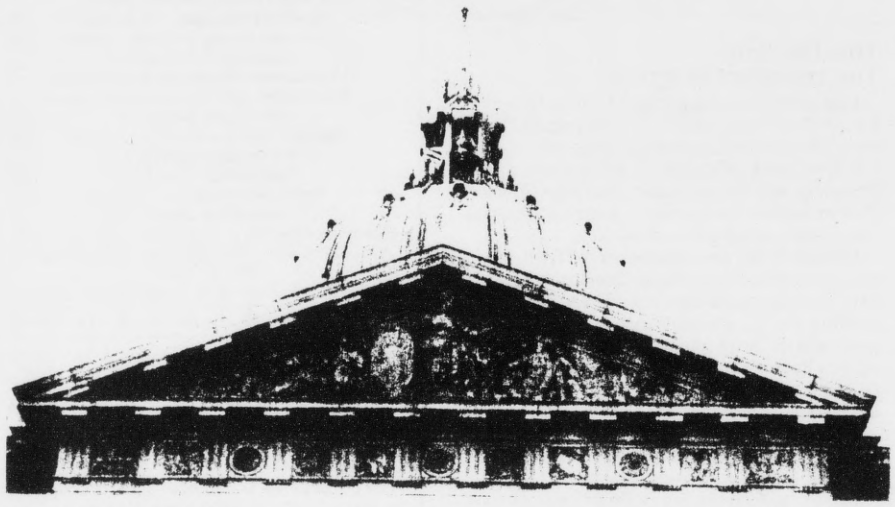

Will Jordan Decimate the Department of Public Health?

by Tim Kingston

The atmosphere outside Mayor Frank Jordan's office was grim on Sept. 2 after he met with city department heads to discuss the belt-tightening impact of Gov. Wilson's budget on San Francisco. During the meeting, Jordan proposed cuts of up to $25 million from the Department of Public Health (DPH) budget, with $9.5 million of that retrenchment aimed at the already decimated DPH mental health division. Given that the City's fiscal shortfall is approximately $64 million, the proposed cuts mean the DPH will be shouldering over one-third of the city's total deficit relief.

It was a scowling and angry Dr. Ray Baxter, chief of the DPH, who came out of the Mayor's office that day, says Mike Shriver of 18th Street Services, who was there as Baxter left the meeting. When Shriver asked what happened, he says Baxter turned to the Mayor's staff and said disgustedly, "I can't tell you. You need to talk to the Mayor's people." It was then that a Jordan staffer confirmed the Mayor's plans to cut the DPH budget—again. Jordan's cuts will further shrink the resources of a department which has already suffered a $35 million loss in this summer's previous round of city budget cuts.

Baxter was not available for comment. Administrative sources at the DPH nervously confirmed that they have been asked to find an additional $25 million to cut, but were reluctant to discuss the issue further.

Mayor Jordan looked unhappy about discussing the proposed cutbacks when *SF Bay Times* caught up with him at the Sept. 3 press conference announcing the deal to keep the SF Giants in town. When asked about the budget reductions, Jordan replied, "Those are all proposals that are on the table, but nothing has been resolved yet," adding, "There is $64 million of cuts that I have to balance the budget with, within the next six weeks. So, yes, tough decisions will have to be made. There are going to be some cutbacks in service, I have no doubt. And there are going to be some layoffs."

"San Francisco spends a disproportionate part of the general fund on health," says Margaret Kislick, deputy chief of the Mayor's staff. "There is not a lot of flexibility in the city budget, and the health department is by far the city's largest, and in many ways, one of the most flexible." In this case, flexibility would seem to translate as ripe for reduction.

Kislick says that although service cuts are likely, the Mayor "will look at administration first, and then move on down to the direct service level as a last resort." Kislick referred further questions on departmental budget cuts to Jean Mariani, a primary player in the Mayor's budget development team. Mariani, known affectionately to some in the health-service-provider community as the "anti-Christ," did not return *SF Bay Times'* phone calls for comment.

Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform, ruefully noted, "This is just an example of the kind of thing we were afraid of in a Jordan administration—that when push came to shove, he, and those behind him, would see a lower priority for human health care needs. I know it's a tough time for budget cuts and all, but it is a time that shows what your soul is truly made of."

HEALTH CARE TRADE-OFFS

Mayor Jordan was elected, in part, on a promise to protect the AIDS budget. He reiterated that pledge during the last round of budget cuts. But Jerry Windley, chair of the HIV-issues committee of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club, charges that that claim no longer holds up. "If you are going to protect health policy, put your fucking money where your mouth is! He is going on about how the AIDS budget will not be cut, but what he does not understand is that the DPH budget *is* the AIDS budget."

Windley argues that cuts in the DPH will wind up rebounding on PWAs—and anyone else who wants to use the public health system. Staff cutbacks mean longer lines for everybody. Mental health cutbacks mean more mentally ill people on the streets—many of whom are HIV-positive or have AIDS. Windley also says that a decision not to fill pharmacy positions at SF General has already substantially increased the length of time PWAs have to wait for their prescriptions to be filled. Worse yet, Windley suspects at least one of the district health centers—where many people with HIV get direct primary health care— may be shut down as a result of the cuts. He says, "There will be no infrastructure left... There will be no one left to run the department."

"The Mayor has shown his priorities," snapped Windley. "In the midst of the worst budget crisis, where will he be? In St. Louis arguing for the Giants. I would like to see the Mayor dealing with the fiscal problems of the City as much as for that goddamned baseball team. People who are sick and dead don't go to see baseball!"

In response to the threatened DPH cuts, the San Francisco Health Commission will be holding an emergency meeting at 101 Grove St., the DPH main office, on Sept. 11 at 3 pm.

THE TARGETS

Mike Shriver charges that the proposed cuts will lead to the "categorical elimination of programs," saying that Community Substance Abuse Services will be a prime target. That means methadone programs, outpatient treatment programs, lesbian-and-gay-specific programs and the Center for Special Problems will all be threatened.

Rene Durazzo, director of Public Policy at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, says Jordan's cuts in the last round of budget negotiations came at the expense of DPH staff and infrastructure, but the core programs were protected. Now, Durazzo says, "With this second tier of cuts, we are cutting core programs."

Durazzo is specific. He says programs slated for start-up or expansion—under the $9 million of SB855 funding (a health care financing bill passed in Sacramento last year)—will never see the light of day. Durazzo also says the cuts mean no funding for a lesbian and gay youth center, no money for further HIV prevention and education services among youth, no money for condom distribution in schools, no money for the expansion of HIV primary medical services, and no money for mobile mammography screenings. In addition, Durazzo says the cuts will mean that no money will be available for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome epidemiology and education, or for multicultural training. Even some of the Mayor's pet programs, like the proposed $150,000 pledged to the needle-exchange program, are at risk.

(Margaret Kislick says she is uncertain if SB855 funding will be affected by the Sacramento budget, but one City Hall source suspects SB855 funding has been cut in half.)

Kevin Shelley, president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, says he is familiar with the proposed cutbacks and is trying to set up an emergency meeting with Baxter to discuss the alternatives. Shelley stressed that whatever happens, decisions have to be made quickly to avoid the expensive quagmire that occurred in Sacramento.

Although Shelley is angry about the impact of the state budget on the City, he is even more incensed by what he terms Wilson's "myopic Republican position," which enforces cuts on cities and counties without granting municipalities any additional revenue-generating power. The only exception was Gov. Wilson's allowance of a 1/4 cent increase in the sales tax. But since San Francisco already has one of the highest sales tax rates in the state, Shelley says the board is unlikely to approve such a tax hike.

When asked if he and the other supervisors would commit to a pledge of no further cuts in the DPH, Shelley replied: "I agree, we cannot have a lessening of our AIDS model," but then said everything is up for grabs: "Sixty-four million dollars is the total of the [shortfall]. Certainly we will have to look at something in all the departments. I can definitely speak for all my colleagues that the health department is the last area we are going to want to make any significant cuts."

TOTALLY MENTAL, HEALTH CUTS

By far, the worst-hit will be the mental health division of the DPH, says Judith Stevenson, the former director of Operation Concern and a mental health administrator responsible for eight city-based mental health programs.

The Mayor's office is talking about cutting $9.5 million specifically from the division of mental health, she says. Stevenson suspects that "given the political process needed to ratify [the budget], we would be looking at that not taking effect till December. That would mean an $18 million cut in six months." The huge chop would be due to the lag time in the political process, says Stevenson, resulting in two years' worth of $9.5 million cuts, before the fiscal year ends in July 1993.

Bob Nelson, coordinator of direct HIV services for Catholic Charities, says the cuts proposed by the Mayor will dramatically increase the homeless population. Because more people are living longer with HIV, Nelson asserts, AIDS dementia issues will become a central part of mental health services. If such services are eliminated, individuals subject to AIDS dementia will either be hospitalized—at tremendous cost—or end up on the streets as a result of the lack of mental health assistance and their inability to take care of themselves.

Nelson says mental health is a "clean streets" issue that should appeal to the Mayor. "If we do not take care of the poorest of the poor in this epidemic, we will be stepping over them in the streets until they are so disgustingly sick that we will have to hospitalize them simply to clean up the streets."

Stevenson says the cuts in mental health will be particularly acute because San Francisco's primary mental health programs are largely city-funded, with little state or federal support. Seventy-five percent of funding for the Center for Special Problems, residential treatment programs and mental health services in city jails comes from the City, as well as 66 percent of funding for homeless case management.

San Francisco's mental health system, caring for a population with the highest HIV-infection rate in the state, serves 19,000 clients overall. Stevenson says 71 percent of them are seriously mentally ill, and 84 percent are below the poverty line. She adds that San Francisco has an estimated 6,000 homeless and that 40 percent of them need mental health care.

According to Stevenson, much of the impetus for the Mayor's cuts in mental health services comes straight out of the Mayor's Financial Advisory Committee report. Stevenson says the report blasts the DPH and asserts the city has an "enriched system" of mental health services that could easily be cut by $10 million.

"I don't know what the Mayor thinks," says Stevenson, who proceeded to tear into the Jordan administration. "When they hear a recommendation that $10 million can be trimmed, all it takes is a ten-minute walk down the street to see those who are not being served. Who are these people [in the administration]? What do they think? How can you walk down the street and not see it? Frank and Wendy just brought this beautiful [house] in Pacific Heights. Maybe nobody sleeps in the streets there—maybe all the homeless should go to Pacific Heights."

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STUNNED SUPES

San Francisco supervisors contacted by *SF Bay Times* were uniformly shocked and surprised by the depth of the proposed cuts. A stunned Supervisor Jim Gonzalez said, "I can't believe they are giving that kind of goal to the DPH. I think a more realistic and compassionate goal should be no more than $10 million. I am floored."

All Supervisor Willie Kennedy could manage was, "I am devastated. It is the worst thing that has ever happened to us. I don't recall in 47 years in San Francisco—I don't recall anything like this... I am at a loss. Where is it going to come from? We have cut back indigent care. Mental health has been cut to the bone."

Supervisor Ann Marie Conroy was, however, the only supervisor not devastated by the proposed DPH cuts. She says, "It was no surprise that we

took a huge hit,'' saying that San Francisco's original shortfall ''was in the $100 million range.'' But Conroy, who succeeded in reallocating $33 million from the retirement system to the city's debt relief, leaving San Francisco $64 million in the red, denies that Jordan is proposing a $25 million cut in the DPH budget. Instead, she says, the figure is a worst-case scenario. Conroy argues that the proposed reduction is simply a means of prioritizing needs in each city department so that the Mayor's office can go in and choose which programs to kill, or save.

Even so, Supervisor Achtenberg says that the proposed cuts in the DPH are greater than anyone anticipated. She intends to organize a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and City Services Committee on the subject. With a hint of the battles yet to come, Achtenberg pointed out that San Franciscans have the right to demand a ''Belison Hearing''—that is, a special board meeting open to the public on the proposed cuts.

Supervisor Gonzalez is trying to cook up a scheme to refinance San Francisco Airport bonds that will raise $20 million. But at the Sept. 2 Finance Committee hearing, he also suggested that 1,200 job layoffs may be necessary to balance the budget. Gonzalez is also organizing a telephone hotline for citizens to suggest ways the city can save and raise money. While that may sound far-fetched, Gonzalez says it worked in Texas for Gov. Ann Richards.

Meanwhile, Supervisor Terence Hallinan says that Jordan should review his ''no new taxes'' promise. Hallinan suggested that a gross-receipts business tax would help the situation, as would a boost in the hotel tax. Hallinan also argued that the gross payroll tax could be increased from 1.5 percent to 1.6 percent. ''I don't think this has to be done by 100 percent service cuts,'' says Hallinan.

Dana Van Gorder, an aide to Supervisor Carole Migden, suspects that the threat of cuts is a way to squeeze a maximum amount of excess operating costs from the DPH. ''The Mayor's office is playing cat-and-mouse with the health department. The Mayor's office believes that the DPH is sitting on large pots of money and has fat in programs that can be eliminated,'' says Van Gorder.

''When all is said and done, the board will not look at all favorably on serious service reductions or a $25 million cut from one source,'' says Van Gorder. He also tossed a barb at the Mayor's former employer, noting, ''It bothers me that the police department always escapes [the budget cuts].''

SF Bay Times was unable to contact Supervisors Angela Alioto, Harry Britt, Tom Hsieh or Bill Maher for comment.

THE NEW YORK MODEL OF HEALTH CARE FOR SAN FRANCISCO?

Stevenson worries that further cuts in the DPH will mean that the City will end up with a decimated health care system and a city population vulnerable to illnesses that will have to be treated with expensive hospitalizations rather than moderately expensive public health prevention, as is the case on the East Coast. ''That is where we are headed: New York. There is a stench in New York City that will spread all the way to the West Coast. We will see the erosion of [the medical] infrastructure.''

Martin Delaney says health service cutbacks are happening nationwide. ''The crime is, that it is happening everywhere: on the federal, city and state level. I mean, what do they think they are going to do with these people—just put them in the street and let them rot? This plants the seeds of the next problem, the next epidemic.''

That next epidemic may be just around the corner, says Matthew Sharp of ACT UP/Golden Gate. Tuberculosis is virtually endemic and epidemic on the East Coast. For the time being, San Francisco has largely been spared. But if the health service is severely cut back, Sharp warns, that may no longer be the case. ''I look at the impending crisis of TB and [the current crisis of] HIV and AIDS. It is... unconscionable. [Jordan] is not going to get by with this. We are angry. We are watching our benefits and health care erode before our eyes after 12 years of death.''

Sharp warns, ''We will do anything we can to prevent this happening.''

SF VS TB

FORESTALLING AN EPIDEMIC WITHIN AN EPIDEMIC

BY TIM KINGSTON

Matthew Sharp of ACT UP/Golden Gate considers himself a living example of the need for tuberculosis awareness. Sharp's AIDS-defining condition was TB, but his diagnosis was made only after seven weeks of guessing and uncertainty. During this time, the infected lymph node in his neck grew to the size of a golfball.

Sharp says his doctor was very concerned. ''She has a lot of knowledge of HIV, but she seemed not to look at the possibility of TB... It was the first opportunistic infection I had, and it turned my HIV status into an AIDS diagnosis. Had I been tested for TB a year before that time, I could have been prophylaxed with INH (Isoniazid).'' The irony is that Sharp was diagnosed in Oklahoma City. ''I was in a place you don't expect to get TB—you know, wide-open plains. I probably got it from a childhood infection.''

Sharp is one of an ever-growing number of people with AIDS developing TB. During 1991, about 20 percent of the 333 cases of TB in San Francisco have involved PWAs. Dr. Gisela Schecter, director of the City's Department of Public Health's TB control program, says the threat of TB combined with HIV needs to be kept in perspective. On a national basis, ''About 4 percent of patients with AIDS have TB in the course of their disease. Ninety-five percent do not. That is number one. Secondly, most people who know they have TB are on treatment and are not contagious, as long as they stay on treatment. Lastly, a person needs to be symptomatic and cough to get that germ out. And if someone does not have pulmonary symptoms, they are very unlikely to spread it to anyone else.''

TB is an issue about which PWAs and the HIV-positive populations need to be concerned—but not panicked, says Dr. Schecter, ''At this point in time, TB is both preventable and curable.'' Dr. Schecter says an annual 7 to 10 percent of HIV-positive individuals infected with TB bacteria will go on to develop active TB. In contrast, only 10 percent of healthy people with a fully functional immune system exposed to TB ever develop the disease.

TB DRUG RESISTANCE

The second major concern about TB is the danger of a multiple-drug-resistant TB (MDR TB) epidemic in San Francisco as in New York. In New York, some 30 percent of all TB is MDR TB. Multiple-drug-resistant TB is generally immune to INH and Rifampin, the two drugs most used against the disease. Some strains of MDR TB are resistant to seven of the 12 TB treatments available.

MDR TB invariably develops as the result of incomplete drug treatment, when an infected individual does not follow through on all six to 12 months of treatment. Once a resistant strain develops, it can be passed on from person to person.

San Francisco public health officials are hopeful that a New York-style TB disaster can be avoided, but Sharp says there is no room for complacency. According to Sharp, the mortality rate from MDR TB is close to 90 percent, with no cure in sight. While that figure is horrifying, Dr. Schecter states, San Francisco has only reported three cases of MDR TB, none of which, she says, resulted in further infections. She says all three cases were the result of infections acquired outside of the City.

In fact, the majority of San Francisco's TB cases have always come from elsewhere, due to the City's status as a port of entry into the U.S. Dr. Schecter says over half of San Francisco's TB cases come from immigrants exposed to the disease prior to entering the country, primarily from Asia, Africa and Latin America. But, since 1985 that trend has changed, and now a growing portion of the City's TB cases come from PWAs. Currently, 20 percent of the City's TB cases are PWAs, and 15 percent of TB cases are among the homeless in shelters.

ANGELA ALIOTO'S ACTIVISM

Supervisor Angela Alioto has taken the lead on the Board of Supervisors on TB. In March she successfully authored three resolutions mandating the Mayor to implement a plan to prevent the spread of TB in public health facilities. This includes educating health care providers, urging SF lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to ''take all necessary'' actions to address the issue of TB, including ''health care programs and financing,'' and requesting that the DPH provide progress reports.

Alioto's most lauded measure is the creation of a TB Task Force designed to develop citywide policies for TB prevention, education and treatment. The Task Force held its first meeting on Aug. 11. It included trade unionists representing city workers employed in risk areas, DPH TB experts such as Dr. Schecter, the AIDS Policy Council and representatives of TB-affected communities, including ACT UP/Golden Gate, the Coalition on Immigrant Rights and Refugees Services (CIRRS), and the Coalition on Homelessness (COH).

CIRR's Monica Hernandez says she wants to make sure TB does not become another excuse for scapegoating immigrants. Hernandez is worried that mentality could drive infected people underground in the same way that the Bush Administration's discriminatory anti-HIV immigration policies have driven immigrant PWAs underground. With TB, the situation is more dangerous than HIV because TB is contagious.

Alex Vitale, of COH, wants to make sure homeless shelters are properly ventilated so no more outbreaks of TB occur, as has already happened at the Peter Claver HIV residence, or the Episcopal Sanctuary, where 40 percent of the residents were exposed to TB at one point.

One at-risk group that crosses over to the homeless is San Franciscans stuck in jail. Dr. Schecter says, ''It is very likely that a number of inmates have been infected in the jails.'' Dr. Schecter ticked off her concerns: more people in jail than ever before, more immunocompromised people in jail, more overcrowding in the jails. The result: In 1992, over a dozen TB cases in jail, instead of the usual one or two cases. She wants to see TB skin test screening for prisoners, so those who test positive can start treatment immediately.

''The Alioto Task Force is important,'' asserts Mike Shriver. ''If we look at the way the DPH has learned to do its job, every step of the way is to involve those affected. Edicts handed down to community organizations is a model that has never been effective.''

During the 19th century, TB was the leading cause of infectious death in the United States, says Alex Vitale of COH. But after 12 years of the Reagan-Bush axis, Vitale says, ''We have a decline in living standards that is dragging us back into the conditions of the 19th century... If the economic situation continues to decline and homelessness increases and basic medical care continues to be reduced, then we could be facing a TB situation similar to what we had 75 years ago.''

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HOMOS NEED NOT APPLY:

{ Boy Scouts Maintain Anti-Gay Policy, BofA Knows It—Continues Funding }

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

Bank of America's decision to re-fund the Boy Scouts may hinge on semantics.

Consider: BofA President Richard Rosenberg claims he was assured by the national president of the Boy Scouts that the organization is open to all boys who "subscribe to the Scout oath and law, Cub Scout promise or Explorer code," which includes a dictum to be "morally straight."

BofA's contributions to community organizations are contingent upon whether they are open to all members of the constituency they serve, in this case, boys. Bofa originally rescinded its funding to the Scouts because it believed the group discriminated against gay boys. As of its Aug. 18 statement, however, the bank now believes that the Boy Scouts does not discriminate.

But national Boy Scout spokesperson Blake Lewis told *SF Bay Times* that a homosexual boy cannot live by the laws or the oath because these things preclude homosexuality as a value Scouts uphold.

So, while the Scouts as an organization is open to all boys who can live by its laws and oath, gay boys, by reason of their sexual orientation, can't. It's that simple. That's Lewis' line, not Rosenberg's.

MEETING WITH BofA

Rosenberg's line on the Scouts is a hard pill to swallow for many people in the queer community.

City Controller Ed Harrington says that he and Supervisor Carole Migden met with Rosenberg on Aug. 26 to discuss the bank's re-funding decision. Nothing was settled at the meeting, according to Harrington, who hopes that at least a little educating was done. Migden was unable to be reached for comment, as she was out of the country.

"The meeting was set up because obviously a number of us are concerned about the change in policy at BofA," says Harrington. Rosenberg, he says, feels that the national president of the Boy Scouts "gave him enough information that they don't discriminate." But Harrington says he spoke with Blake Lewis prior to the meeting, who made it clear that the Scouts do discriminate. Rosenberg's response? That the president of the Boy Scouts "speaks for an organization, not the spokesperson."

Rosenberg also said that the funding decision was made for this year, and that even if BofA received information that the Scouts do discriminate, "it would be factored into the discussion for the next funding cycle," not this year, Harrington says.

Harrington, who has written to the Scouts' national president for a clarification of the group's policy on gays, says, "It's my personal opinion that BofA, if they were misled, were willingly misled. They wanted to make the issue go away."

Harrington does not think the meeting changed Rosenberg's mind on funding the Scouts. "Rosenberg wants to fund the Boy Scouts," Harrington says. "I don't think he's going to make a change. It's really him. I would've felt better if he'd said it was a business decision. It would've been more honest."

"I don't think he needed right-wing pressure," says Harrington, reacting to news that right-wingers like Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition are claiming credit for the re-funding decision. "From what I can tell, he 's very involved in fundraising for the Boy Scouts."

Harrington does not feel the situation with BofA is black and white. He says the bank has done good things for the gay/lesbian/bisexual community of San Francisco, including providing funding for AIDS organizations, among them the Shanti Project.

"They're not an out-and-out bad organization, in every way, shape and form," says Harrington. "They're wrong in this situation."

Eric Rofes, director of Shanti, says his organization has received funds from BofA in the past. As to whether Shanti will accept future funds, "It hasn't come before the board yet."

TREASURER'S REPORT

The meeting with Rosenberg was arranged by San Francisco Treasurer Mary Callanan. There's a lot resting on Callanan's shoulders right now.

As Treasurer, Callanan has the task of preparing a "comprehensive" report for Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg concerning which banks the city uses and how money can be transferred from one institution to another. For Achtenberg, it could be the first step in calling for the city to divest from BofA.

Callanan's report was to be submitted to Achtenberg's office on Sept. 8, but because of a heavy work load, the treasurer won't have it ready until Sept. 21. Callanan told *SF Bay Times* that the report "is going to take time."

"Sure, I do it every day," she says, "but when I sit down to say how we do banking business, to put it in writing, that takes a while."

But while she could not talk about what's going in the report, since it's not written yet, Callanan did say that the city does not have investments in BofA. "They are our concentration bank," she says. But she won't explain the term "concentration bank" because it's too difficult for a lay person to understand. She says her report will make it all crystal clear. BofA spokesperson Peter Magnani says he has never heard the expression "concentration bank."

Callanan clearly wants to steer clear of the controversy. "I'm addressing this as treasurer," she says. "I try to keep politics out of the finances of the city."

CLARIFICATION OF POLICY

Politics or no politics, Lewis pulls no punches when describing the Boy Scout national policy on gays: "If they join the organization and then announce they are homosexual, then that person is making a statement as to personal values and beliefs that run counter to the values of the Boy Scouts of America."

"We do not ask on our application form, 'Are you a homosexual or an atheist?' We don't conduct background investigations," says Lewis. "But there's an understanding when you join the organization that you are going to agree to live by and uphold the Scouting oath. The decision to announce or if you're discovered to be homosexual, then you're not living in accordance with the oath or the law. Your eligibility is called into question."

This means, says Lewis, "Ultimately, you're not going to be eligible for membership."

It's not a complex issue, says Lewis, who doesn't understand why everyone's making it more complicated than it is.

QUEER SCOUTS

John Woods of Queer Scouts isn't making it complicated at all. As founder of the Queer Nation affinity group that's been on the front lines of this issue since last July, Woods can often be seen around the Castro handing out leaflets and talking to folks about what he sees as the clear-cut bigotry of the Boy Scouts and BofA.

Woods says that "a couple" of $30,000 accounts were withdrawn from BofA as a result of the bank's re-funding of the Scouts. At least two Queer Nation chapters across the country are planning pickets against their local United Way chapters for funding the Scouts, he says.

Queer Scouts has also hand-delivered letters to some businesses in the Castro, urging them to pull their accounts from BofA. There's been no response to speak of thus far. "They seemed rather noncommittal," he says. The group plans to distribute letters to more businesses.

But while the group is also waiting to see what Callanan's report says, Woods is anxious to see the city divest from BofA.

"THE BANK IS IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT MODE. THEY'RE AWARE THEY'VE BEEN EMBARRASSED. THEY'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT."

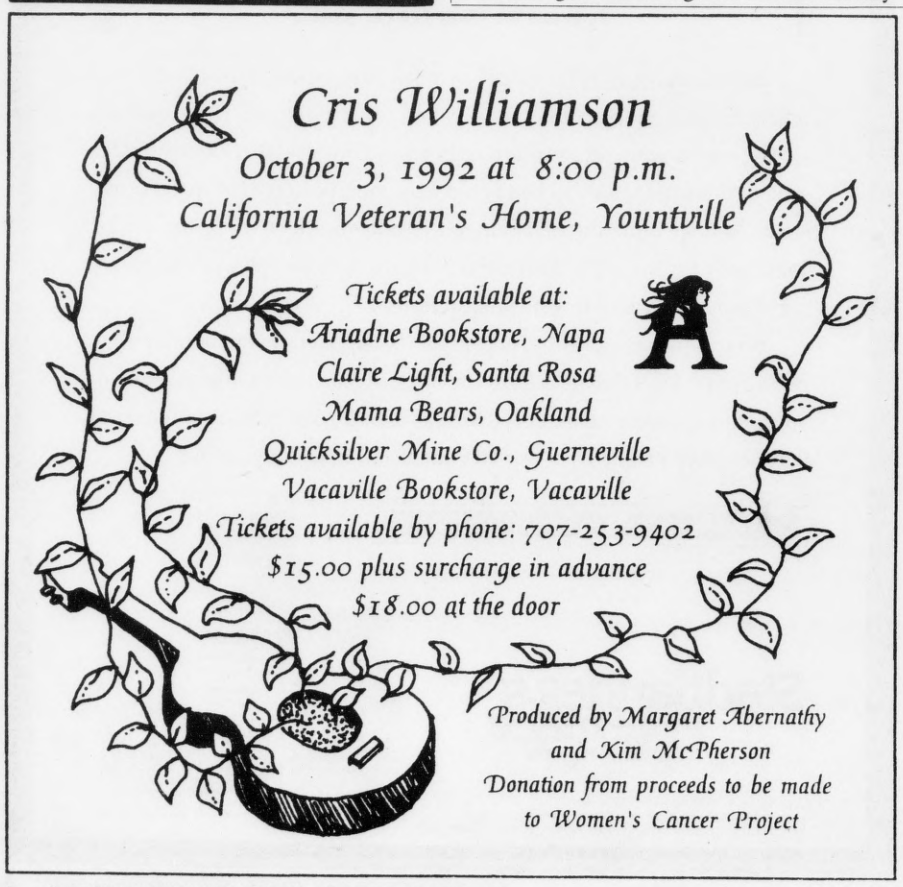
PERSONAL DIVESTING

Some politicians, meanwhile, have decided to do some divesting of their own. Others say they won't accept BofA money now, even if it were offered to them.

Angie Fa, an out lesbian running for the School Board, says she has not received any contributions from the bank and wouldn't take them if they were offered. "It's a question of principle and civil rights," she says. She believes there's no question that the city should divest.

Supervisor Willie Kennedy, who forced the city to divest from South Africa back in 1984, donated $3,500 in political contributions from BofA to the local Black Coalition on AIDS.

Says Kennedy, "I vigorously support Super-



Norma Jean Croy:

Benefit Planned For Imprisoned Lesbian Native American

by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien

I had intended an interview with Norma Jean Croy would be published in this space. Normally when I do an interview, I talk to the person directly, set up an appointment. With Norma Jean, the process requires several phone calls, letters, permissions, security checks—none of which directly involve Norma Jean. The difference is that most women I interview are free; Norma Jean is a lesbian Shasta Indian imprisoned in a maximum security "correctional facility." This multisyllabic euphemism masks baroque technicalities regarding access to prisoners.

Prior to these permissions, I had to get details about appropriate prison etiquette from the Public Information Officer of the prison. I also received some helpful hints from a member of her defense committee who is a regular visitor.

I cannot wear jeans because the inmates wear jeans. It is feared that the guards might become confused and let out an inmate by mistaking her for me. I cannot wear a belt. I can only guess why not. Perhaps if an inmate collects enough belts, she might tie them together and rapel out a window. I may not go with a regular visitor except her lawyer. I have no clue as to why and no reason was given. As a member of The Press, I am allowed to bring in a tape recorder (with prior permission). I might not be able to bring in a pad and pen since a paralegal is not allowed such equipment. For prisons, pens are not mightier than swords; they are the next best thing to a weapon.

One of Norma Jean's lawyers, Diana Samuelson, said that this experience would be an eye-opener for me. I was already a bit wide-eyed because the facts of Norma Jean's case and her struggle for release make my foray into this bureaucracy look like a cakewalk. The process for me will take, hopefully, only a month. For Norma Jean the process of being arrested, imprisoned and petitioning for release or parole has taken 14 years and is still pending.

In 1978, a 24-year-old Norma Jean Croy left her home with four relatives, including her brother Patrick "Hooty" Croy. They went off for a day of fun in the sun in their native country of Shasta County. On the way, they were treated rudely at a convenience store because they are not good ol' boys. The verbal abuse escalated into a scuffle. As they drove away from the store, a police car arrived and, on the vague complaint of the instigating clerk, the police pursued the Croys. Fifteen police cars and 27 officers joined in the chase of their suspects, described on police radios as "a car full of Indians." At the end of the chase, the police pulled out semi-automatic weapons, spraying the countryside, all its critters and moving objects with a barrage of bullets. (Perhaps these guys had watched too many westerns.) The "Indians" had one .22 rifle used for deer hunting. Norma Jean was shot once in the back as her natural instinctual reflexes told her to move away from danger; a cousin was shot in the groin as he tried to surrender; and during a de facto truce, Hooty was shot twice in the back. It was at this moment that one shot rang out from the .22 held by Hooty. In panicked self defense he shot the cop who was shooting him. The officer had been drinking and could not discern the right course of action. Now he was dead.

Hooty was sentenced to death for killing the police officer, as well as to life in prison for "conspiracy." Norma Jean, who hadn't touched the gun and was guilty of nothing more than being present, was sentenced to life in prison for "conspiracy." A few years ago, Hooty was retried by order of the Rose Bird Court. He was found not guilty of the murder charge and freed from jail. The jury determined that racism in Yreka and police abuse had created the situation that led to the officer's death.

Even though Hooty is free, Norma Jean is still in jail. Hooty was retried separately, and because of the bureaucracy of the legal/penal system, the decision in his case does not automatically benefit Norma's case. Hooty's retrial was also ordered on the basis of the murder charge. The conspiracy charge was not included. As a result, even though he was found not guilty of murder, the conspiracy to commit murder was not specifically dealt with by the court. So Hooty received parole from his life sentence, not acquittal. That parole also does not automatically affect any deliberation to grant parole to Norma Jean. This is true, even though both their cases and sentences were determined by the same incident.

Another arbitrary influence on the legal system is the personnel. Parole board members and often judges are appointed by politicians. Despite pledges of impartiality, any judge's interpretation of law is influenced by her/his ideological beliefs. The makeup of parole boards depends on the political climate in the government. Norma Jean faces state courts and parole boards appointed by Republican governors. The California Supreme Court recently unanimously supported Governor Wilson's tendency to assert unusually broad powers to veto parole board decisions.

Norma Jean was recently denied a writ of habeus corpus by the Superior Court. Her lawyers, Diana Samuelson and James S. Thompson, give this further account of her current status: "At Norma Jean Croy's hearing on July 16, 1992, attorneys submitted over 175 letters of support, including several job offers and places of residence in the Bay Area. The three-member board paid little if any attention to these letters. From the beginning of the hearing, it was clear that the panel had already decided to deny Norma parole for another two years. The board refused to consider evidence of Norma's innocence which had been presented at her brother's 1990 retrial. It ignored Judge Stern's statement and the declaration of the jury foreman that had Norma been retried with her brother, she would also have been acquitted of the charges."

The attorneys intend to file an administrative appeal of the board's decision. Norma's petition for a new trial is currently pending before the California Supreme Court. They could take up to a year or two to hear the case. If her petition is denied, then she moves to the Federal Court level.

Anyone may write directly to the Board of Prison Terms, 545 Downtown Plaza, Suite 200, Sacramento 95814 to express their opinion about the parole board's decision. People interested in keeping informed on future developments in her case should send name and address to the Norma Jean Croy Defense Committee, 473 Jackson St., 3rd Floor, SF 94111. There will also be a benefit performance to raise funds for Norma Jean Croy at the Women's Building, Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 pm. The performance also benefits the International Tribunal of Indigenous Peoples and Oppressed Nations.

BofA...

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visor Roberta Achtenberg's move to divest city funds from Bank of America...Discrimination must never be tolerated."

But Achtenberg is not calling for divestiture as yet. She's waiting for Callanan's report before she does that. A source in her office says she's concerned about the ramifications of divestiture, i.e., are 200 people going to be put out of work or is it going to cost the city $200 million?

Achtenberg is not currently soliciting or accepting funds from BofA. The money she received two years ago for her campaign is part of an account that has been closed.

Jim Haas, an openly gay attorney running for the BART board, also returned a contribution from BofA. In his letter to Sheila D. Radman, treasurer of the Campaign Contribution Fund of BofA, Haas writes, "The Bank's initial position regarding the Boy Scouts was commendable and gave the Boy Scouts administration the incentive to change their policy and attitudes."

BofA's new position, Haas writes, is "unfathomable." In talking with *SF Bay Times*, Haas says, "You'd think they'd have coordinated this thing with Wells Fargo and Levi Strauss."

Both Wells Fargo Bank and Levi Strauss, the jeans manufacturer, decided around the same time as BofA not to fund the Boy Scouts because of their homophobic policy. The two companies have since reaffirmed this decision.

"Friends of mine in middle management at the bank," says Haas, "say the bank is in crisis management mode. They're aware they've been embarrassed. They're trying to figure out what to do about it."

BOFA: EVERYTHING'S FINE

But BofA spokesperson Peter Magnani refuses to comment on Haas' statement about a crisis mode at the bank.

As for Woods' claim that the bank has lost some big personal accounts, Magnani says, "As with anything we get involved in that people feel strongly about, we hear comments on both sides." He would not comment on "account information." The bank also has no comment on Kennedy's decision to funnel its donation to an AIDS organization.

Magnani denies that Lou Sheldon or right-wing pressure deserves credit for the reversal of BofA's policy against Scout funding. Says Magnani, "We described the situation in our press release. All we have to say is in the release."

That release states that bank officials are now convinced the Boy Scouts is an inclusive organization for the boys it serves. It also says that the Scouts has a right to "set guidelines for those qualified to serve as adult leaders."

Magnani says there is no change in the bank's feelings about re-funding the Boy Scouts.

While *SF Bay Times* observed spray paint on Versateler machines at Security Pacific (recently taken over by BofA) at 18th & Castro, Magnani denies that any "significant" damage was done to BofA property in the days following the announcement of the decision to re-fund.

GETTING BACK THE BIGOTS

BofA is quick to deny that right-wing pressure and boycotts played any part in its decision to refund the Scouts. Yet *SF Bay Times* received a copy of a curious piece of correspondence from the bank to an account holder.

The woman holding the account wrote to BofA six weeks ago to congratulate the bank on its decision to defund the Scouts. She received a letter from Richard M. Rosenberg, chair and chief executive officer, on Aug. 31, which opens: "In response to your earlier letter expressing concern about Bank of America's charitable contributions to the Boy Scouts, we are pleased to inform you that the Scouting organization is once again eligible for donations from the bank."

Says the account holder, "My letter must have been put in the wrong pile because what I received back was a letter that must have been written for the original boycotters." She adds, "Bank of America is putting plenty of money and resources into getting the bigots back."

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Jordan Tells Wilson to Sign Needle Exchange

SAN FRANCISCO - Mayor Frank Jordan urged Gov. Pete Wilson to sign three recent measures approved by the state Legislature: authorizing a needle exchange program in San Francisco, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, and prohibiting discrimination based on economic status.

The latter bill, from Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-SF), is a comprehensive package that supercedes recent California Supreme Court decisions which restricted certain civil rights protections. All three bills were recently approved on bipartisan votes.

Wilson Gets AIDS Treatment Bill

SACRAMENTO - A bill to lift insurance barriers to effective AIDS treatments passed the legislature and has been sent to Gov. Pete Wilson.

Sponsored by the Life Lobby and authored by Assemblymember Jackie Speier (D-So. San Francisco), the bill prohibits insurance companies from denying payment for "off-label" uses of prescription drugs in the treatment of life-threatening illnesses, such as AIDS. An "off-label" treatment is the use of a drug discovered after the original approval by the FDA. Many AIDS treatments rely on drugs approved with a narrow label, and some insurance companies have been denying coverage for these uses.

The governor has 30 days in which to sign or veto bills.

Achtenberg Prepares For Wilson Veto

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg has organized a broad coalition of leaders and organizations to protest a possible veto by Gov. Pete Wilson of any or all of the recently passed bills addressing civil rights: needle exchange, gay rights, Brown's comprehensive package.

On the day following any veto, participants will gather at 7 pm in Dolores Park for a brief rally. The march will begin at 7:30 and proceed to 18th & Castro, where a rally will be held.

The coalition is calling for a nonviolent march and rally. Says coalition supporter Supervisor Carole Migden, "Pete Wilson appears to want to perpetuate the hatred that puts the lives of gay men and lesbians at risk."

Last year, when the governor vetoed AB101, a gay rights measure, demonstrators smashed windows at the State Building. Several people were arrested.

Librarians: 1, School Board 0

QUEENS - The school board in this New York borough voted to reject a first-grade curriculum, "Children of the Rainbow," because its bibliography listed three pro-gay children's books published by Alyson Publications of Boston, a gay and lesbian company.

Says Alyson Publisher Sasha Alyson, "This is the same mentality that complained about a naked toddler floating through Maurice Sendak's *In the Night Kitchen* two decades ago."

Meanwhile, librarians all across the country have nixed efforts to remove copies of some of the pro-gay titles from Alyson, particularly *Daddy's Roommate*, a picture book by Michael Willhoite about a boy whose divorced father is gay.

Supes: Let Them Smoke Pot

SAN FRANCISCO - The Board of Supervisors called on the Mayor and the police department to ignore federal and state laws prohibiting the medical use of marijuana and permit seriously ill people to grow three marijuana plants to meet their legitimate medical needs.

The resolution was part of the board's implementation of last November's vote by 80 percent of the citizens of the city to make the drug available to ease pain and to increase the appetite in patients with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. At a recent board hearing on the matter, former Police Commissioner Jo Daly testified that she smoked marijuana to control the intense nausea and vomiting caused by her chemotherapy treatments.

San Francisco is the first city in the nation to authorize the cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes.

Alameda Nixes Domestic Partners

ALAMEDA - It was unanimous. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors refused to extend health and dental benefits to the families of their lesbian and gay employees. Contract negotiations are underway with the board's largest labor union, which appears supportive of domestic partner benefits for queers.

The cost of domestic partners' benefits seems to be the biggest obstacle. But Lawney Baldwin, one of a handful of lesbian and gay employees on the bargaining table, says, "This is a clear-cut case of discrimination against gay and lesbian families, and I don't accept the excuse that there's not enough money."

Meanwhile, in Mountain View, Silicon Graphics, Inc., announced that it plans to include same-sex spousal equivalents in its employee benefits program. This makes Silicon, a leading manufacturer of visual computing systems, one of the few large corporations to extend domestic partners' benefits.

Newsletter for Healing Women

MOSS BEACH - Margot Silk Forest, a survivor of sexual abuse from infancy to age 12, has established *The Healing Woman*, a newsletter of information and support to women who are recovering from the trauma of childhood sexual abuse.

Every month the newsletter features an interview with a woman who has recovered. "My goal in this newsletter," says Silk Forest, "is to reach out and show survivors they are not alone." To obtain copies, write: PO Box 30338, Moss Beach, CA 94038.

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Miriam Kroninberg performed a piece on self-acceptance at the opening of a new lesbian performance space/supper club on 14th and Guerrero, Red Dora's Bearded Lady. Go check it out!

Outing a Family Values Man

SHREVEPORT - U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery (R-Shreveport) is denying claims by ACT UP members that he had gay affairs while maintaining anti-gay positions in Congress.

McCrery vehemently denies the charges. He says the accusations are a "desperate, transparent attempt by some to scuttle what most had agreed was fairly certain—my re-election." The congressmember appears on the front cover of the most recent issue of the *Advocate* along with the headline: "The Outing of a Family Values Congressman."

But it's not the first time he's been outed. During his first campaign in 1988, he was asked if he was gay by an opponent. Then Queer Nation posted fliers around Washington, D.C., saying he's homosexual.

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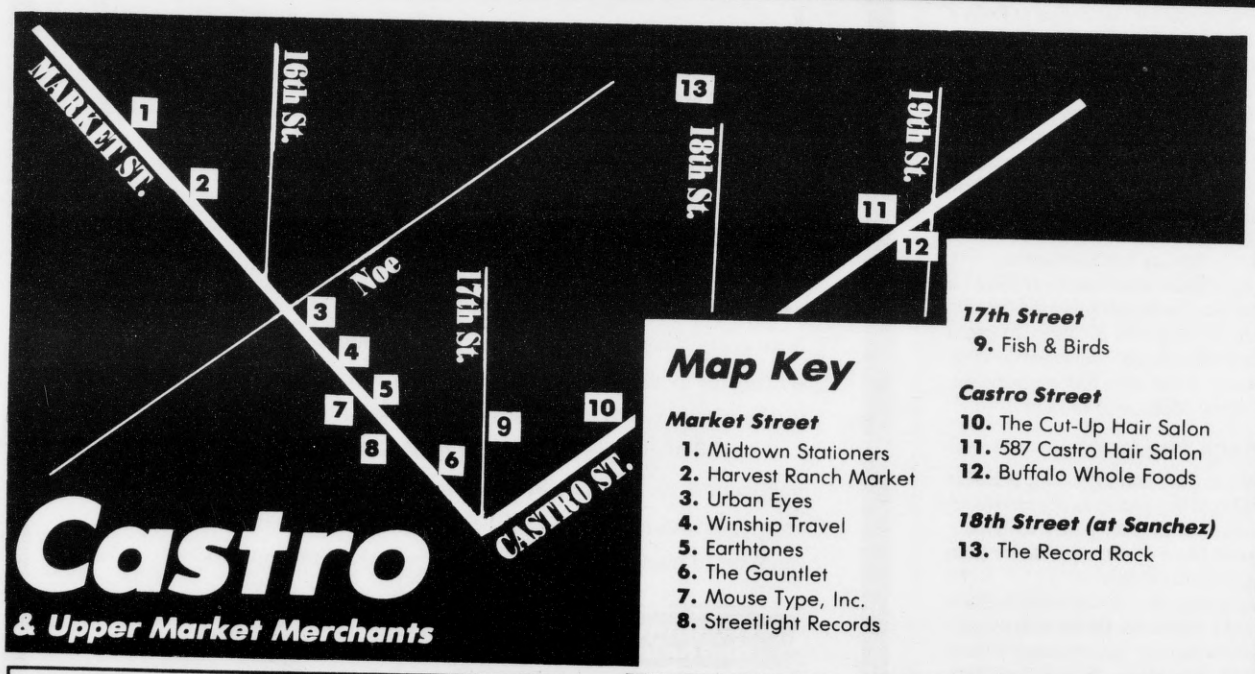

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State Nabs Child From Dyke Couple

TAMPA - Two women are accusing the state of Florida of taking away their six-year-old foster child. The reason? They're a couple.

The Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services says that their regulations forbid unmarried couples from becoming foster parents. But gays and lesbians who do not live together as a couple can be foster parents, the department's attorney said at a recent hearing into the matter, adding that unmarried heterosexual couples also cannot be foster parents.

Meanwhile, a single lesbian in another county was granted a license to be a foster parent.

Bits & Pieces

The National Coming Out campaign now has a bumpersticker, available for $1, plus 50 cents shipping from National Coming Out Day Headquarters, Box 8270, Sante Fe, NM 87504-8270... At over 100 pride events across the United States, 30,000 new members signed up for the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Speak Out program, in which participants agree to send overnight messages to federal legislators on lesbian and gay rights, AIDS, women's health issues and reproductive choice... The latest edition of the only comprehensive directory of all HIV/AIDS service providers in 11 Bay area counties is now available. The 1992/93 HIV Referral Directory is $50 and can be ordered through ASPA, 10 United Nations Plaza, Suite 200, SF 94102, (415) 241-5519... Graphic designers from the San Francisco chapter of the American Institute of Northern California Arts are donating time to 20 Northern California AIDS nonprofits to improve the groups' fundraising abilities. The effort is organized by Under One Roof, the holiday store for AIDS relief... The San Francisco Association of Realtors has formed a foundation to benefit organizations such as Shanti. The first fundraiser for the organization will be held on Oct. 16 at the Fashion Center in San Francisco. It will benefit Shanti. For more info, contact Ric Ricchiccioli at 431-8022, ext. 5423... Noted author John Preston is writing a how-to book on hustling, and he wants hustlers to contact him with info on their—uh—experiences. "If I had my way," he says, "I'd have the publisher give me the money to pay each of the men for a session—just for the sake of authentic research, you understand." Interested parties should contact Preston at Box 5314, Portland, ME 04101... The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, in conjunction with Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Employees Associations at Chevron, Oracle Corporation, Pacific Bell and Pacific Gas & Electric and High Tech Gays, are sponsoring the second annual conference on lesbian/gay/bisexual workplace issues Oct. 2 and 3 at Stanford University. For info, call George Kronenberger at (415) 641-6184... Additional volunteers are urgently needed to handle the increased volume of calls and soon-to-be expanded hours at the AIDS/HIV Nightline. To volunteer, contact David or Rolph, 3940 Geary Blvd., SF 94118 or call (415)752-4866... We're here, we're queer and we're—going shopping. Good Vibrations, San Francisco's world-famous sex toy, book and video emporium, is doubling the size of its retail store—and celebrating with a Midnight Madness sale and reading as part of a Sept. 26 grand reopening from 11 am to midnight. The store is located at 1210 Valencia (at 23rd)... Don we now our leather apparel. The ninth annual Folsom Street Fair takes place Sept. 20 on Folsom between 7th and 11th streets. Produced by the South of Market Merchants' and Individuals' Lifestyle Events, the fair benefits Pets Are Wonderful and the Women's HIV/AIDS Support Project... Two women of color staffers of the Human Rights Campaign Fund were among those arrested at the White House during a nonviolent civil disobedience on Aug. 26 to protest the Republican Party's assault on reproductive rights. The demonstration highlighted the support of women of color for abortion rights... Parents rallied in front of City Hall in New York City recently to protest a planned sex education program because they said it promotes homosexuality instead of its intended aim of fighting AIDS. A spokesperson for the group said one kindergarten course promoted "anal and oral sex." A spokesperson for the board of education says the courses were approved by health experts.

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But what are our communal values? Are there tenets which bind us together like other communities? Certainly we come together in times of adversity. AIDS is one of those times. But something besides AIDS has happened to us over the years. The energy has changed in The Village, West Hollywood, New Town and the Castro. The streets are harder, meaner. It doesn't feel as safe at night.

There still are young queens trying to find their identity and old queens trying to avoid being identified. There is a sense of not caring about anything anymore. There is something icy and off-putting in the air. There is a sense of an unending party, when a party is not always what we want or need. There is meaninglessness there. There is nothing that we traditionally respect. If there is no meaning behind the bulk of gay social/sexual expression, how lasting and significant is "community"?

Our community sustains a sense of theatrical drama and defiance that excites the tourists and the transients, but where is the communication, the unity, the dialogue, a sense of social structure and commitment to each other that lasts? Nothing seems to last but the anger, the denial and the unrelenting admonishment from the unabashed straight moralists who are threatened by our boldness and want to deny us equal rights. If anything, AIDS has enhanced our sense of impermanency. And the heterosexists' sense of superiority.

Sex/fear/death is not an attractive combination to everyone. For some, there is still a pre-'80s sense that anything goes. They behave like children in a candy shop. Unsafe sex still happens, while young men move slowly along the sidewalks with canes that belie their age. Drug deals are more apparent. The homeless and panhandlers circle and alight like flies on prosperity. Our communities have a lot more angry, needy people. The image of healthy grown-ups having fun and respecting each other is only erratic.

Photo by Rink

Three people sleeping under a sleeping bag during rush hour on Castro Street.

TIRED OF STAYING HOME

This amalgam keeps some men at home, safe in their bedrooms with their VCRs. It is a terrible thing to be afraid of what you desire. There are many men who are afraid of our gay communities because the communities are antithetical to the values with which they were raised. Some men are turned off by the hedonism. Some feel isolated. Neighbors don't know each other. We can't trust those we meet in our community. The police don't protect us. Taxes and the government penalize us. Relationships seem less and less possible in such an unsupportive atmosphere.

"Jim and I walked from MCC to the Donut Shop at 18th and Castro after a church social. Jim was noticeably nervous and didn't say much until we had left the Castro area. I took the blend of the homeless, straights, dykes, drags and leather in stride. But Jim was genuinely uncomfortable. This was the first time I had ever heard the term 'too gay' from a gay man. Jim said the Castro is 'like living in a Fellini film.' He is not the only one to make that observation."

I have been reflecting on these and the other issues with which many are tired of dealing, but which will not go away. I am not sure what can be done about the absence of stability, the reality of social decline. Fresh flowers and fresh paint won't fix this. There is no quick fix. Some of the issues are queer. Some are broader-based but equally relevant. Our spirit is wounded, and we will have to work on the healing process together. Your comments would be appreciated.

TIRED OF BEING WRITTEN OFF

Most of our communities have a shop that sells gay literature. There are over 300 lesbian and gay publications in America. In looking through those publications, there are only a dozen or so that routinely cover both women and people of color in the lesbian and gay community. Most of these publications are all about white men together, as if the non-whites in the community did not exist.

With few exceptions, the gay press tends to underpay and treat its writers poorly; is anti-syndication. If I write a column in San Francisco that is of interest to a national audience, why should *Just Out* in Portland, or *Angles* in Vancouver, mind that it's running in SF? But they do! We have limited the range of our own progressive voices! And that works against shared perspectives in communities which would benefit from hearing different national voices.

The next time you see an all-white gay publication, write them and ask them why they are exclusionary, and demand an answer! Ask where the middle-aged and the seniors are. Where are the women? The people of color? The physically challenged? Where are all the run-aways, the hookers, the homeless who are out there along with the upscale GWM in our communities?

TIRED OF NO VALUES

Much of what is criminal is not against the law. Our community is outside the mainstream, alongside elements which embarrass polite society—prostitutes, bikers, street people, etc. When we see friends or strangers using, hustling, dealing, stealing, we tend to look the other way. It is our community, but we don't want to get involved.

Our categorical acceptance of altered states of existence has come too easily. Drugs, booze, crime and violence have been met with silence, softness and inattention. Our communities are riddled with con men, speed freaks and rip-off artists who will fuck with your mind and heart for a few pieces of silver. And though they may be ever so appealing and convincing—men and women who will steal a dead father's watch, rip off a gay organization, or steal the fillings out of your teeth after they have killed you—they are not worth pissing on if they were on fire.

This sort of gay-on-gay crime is rampant. There are good-looking mindfuckers on whom good will and caring is wasted. We share an extra burden because these events go unnoticed and without recourse in our community. We could blame it on the economy, emotional damage or bedwetting, but the bottom line is: We are codependent with such behavior unless we begin eradicating it from our communities and start developing some shared values.

TIRED OF PAYING FOR THE GREEDY

Cold-blooded capitalists got a quick money fix in the '80s. Instead of investing in Americans, our industrialists are now heading to the Pacific Rim and south of the border with American jobs. The social contract with American workers has been cancelled. Money rules—not the people.

Gay or straight, we are so busy surviving, we are not paying attention to how disposable we all have become, and how much more wealthy the rich have become during the Reagan-Bush years. In our hour of despair, Bush is pushing for his trade agreement with Mexico and another tax cut for the rich.

Some of our leaders advocate for segments of the community that support them—their constituency—but seldom for the good of all. We must forget this notion of voting for leaders because they are Black, or gay, or women. We must learn to vote for leaders because we agree on policies and issues. There are people out there who see their constituency, their community, their support as the people who look and act most like them. That must change.

Look-alike or not, we are all going down the toilet together. The middle-class is being dismantled. We need health care and affordable education. We need employment opportunities. We

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need affirmative action and equal protection under the law. We need to be able to be who we are and have that be positive and fulfilling in this society.

TIRED OF FALSE PROPHETS

We activists who have worked for change have made many gains since Stonewall. As a direct result of our efforts, candidates who would have not been considered acceptable have been hired for top-level positions. We have ended up with leaders who often look like us (gay) but who are drawn more by power and money than by populist spirit; they do not use their position to further our cause.

> *"Twenty years ago, City Hall would have looked at a certain department manager and not hired her. People like this manager get six-figure salaries because activists broke down barriers so that they could be hired. But when she came in, she limited access of gays to her office. She prevented condom distribution at the Department of Social Services. She prevented care providers from hearing about safe sex and AIDS."*

Often gay or gay-friendly leaders will not stray far from the decisions already made for them. Some activists feel rewarded when they are selected. Yet often they are selected because their views are hardly different from the powers that be. What a curse to expend all the energy that has been expended since Stonewall and end up with beneficiaries of this hard work who don't represent us.

TIRED OF SYRUPLESS SAP

Regarding Chris Bowman's letter ("Taken Out of Context," Aug. 13): I did not comment on the agenda of "SF/Politics," the TV program, in my original column which his letter addressed. I commented on Bowman's statement: "Affirmative action is not part of the gay agenda," which in no context, under no circumstances, would ever be appropriate for a gay leader to say. Bowman's response is testimony to the low significance and low priority he gives affirmative action as he takes this letter-writing opportunity to outline his "first-things-first" gay Republican agenda.

As Tom Ammiano says: "Oh, those gay Republicans! We're here! We're queer! We're sorry!" What's wrong with the Republicans is that they are threatened by difference. They oppose the arts, the rights of others to free choice, free speech and now choice of religion (Lou Sheldon vs. Wicca).

Gay Republicans are in no position to represent the mainstream of lesbian/gay political thought in San Francisco. In the City, gay Republicans are more like a wart on the backside of progress. And, apparently, gay Republicans are less than elephant shit in Houston! Perhaps Bowman has "never heard a lesbian/gay leader advocate affirmative action for our community" because he limits his circle of influence to those patrician parasites and puppets who are unimpressed with its relevance, like Wilson, Dannemeyer, Deukmejian and Pat Buchanan.

You remember Buchanan. He was the one who put queers up to ridicule at the Republican Convention for all the world to see. The delegates yelled and screamed their approval. They basked in their ideal of the nuclear family. It seems they want to roll back the rights of all lesbians and gays. I wonder what that was like for all the Republican queers sitting there in denial? I didn't hear a murmur of protest from the convention floor. Maybe it was just like having sex for them. But I suppose if I were a gay Republican, I'd be too ashamed to admit it, too.

It is generous of Bowman to "work to increase the number of minorities on our Republican County Central Committee." Minorities, however, are not monolithic. The agenda of each leader ultimately is more significant than their skin color. Republicans have done a disservice to America and especially Black Americans by diffusing, underfunding and co-opting the spirit of affirmative action.

Affirmative action is part of the change for which America is crying out. Many conservative Third World immigrants were brought to America, adding color to an otherwise lily-white, elitist agenda. Many were the middle and upper classes in less than egalitarian regimes. Many support elitism and thereby erode the gains made by Black Americans by civil rights demonstrations—ironically, the same civil rights campaign that made their success in America possible.

The presence of "eight people of color" on a Republican committee has not confused those of us who have been here all along about the significance of affirmative action, the need for populist leaders and populist change. Bowman's letter put me in mind of the *SF Bay Times* cover of the same issue which featured Bush and the prophetic phrase we will see corroborated in November: "Shut up and sit down!"

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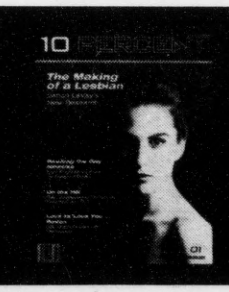

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NUTRITION AT VIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS

by Jason Heyman

The role of nutrition in AIDS was addressed in only one oral session during the VIII International Conference on AIDS, and it was cancelled until activist pressure succeeded in forcing conference organizers to reinstate it. Approximately 30 papers relating to nutrition were included in the published abstract books. These papers cover a variety of topics, including malnutrition, wasting and current research into vitamin deficiencies and nutritional supplementation in HIV infection.

The oral session, "HIV and Nutrition," moderated by Elinor Levy, M.D., of the Boston University School of Medicine, included presentations by three clinical researchers and Rainy Cheeks, the director of the community organization Us Helping Us, in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Cheeks has successfully used nutrition and alternative therapies in his own treatment, stressing a common-sense approach to diet as the foundation for all medicine. He discussed the treatment of certain symptoms and infections with nutritional supplementation and dietary change, and challenged researchers to bring their work to a level where it can be applied to the day-to-day lives of people with HIV and AIDS. Drawing from his own experience, he explained how educating yourself about nutrition is the most fundamental way of taking charge of your own health care.

CURRENT RESEARCH

During the oral session, Richard Beach, M.D., from the University of Miami School of Medicine, discussed the state of nutrition in asymptomatic HIV-positive individuals. He found an increased resting energy expenditure (the amount of energy your body uses while in a relaxed state) in asymptomatic people with HIV. This appears consistent with reactions seen in most types of infection, except that it may have a different mechanism of action in the case of HIV infection. These findings were similar to those of a study in Brussels and research done by another panelist in Amsterdam.

The panelists agreed that nutrient supplementation can be an effective prophylaxis against many kinds of infection, and discussed how common nutrient deficiencies are in people with HIV and AIDS. Dr. Beach stated that 20 to 40 percent of the asymptomatic patients he studied had abnormally low plasma levels of riboflavin, vitamins A, B6, C, E, zinc and copper. Twenty-five percent of the patients had a vitamin B12 deficiency and were found to have low scores when tested for information-processing speed, and visual/spatial ability. Upon normalization of B12 levels, performance in these areas normalized. A lack of vitamin B6 was directly correlated to decreased immune system activity.

Research into nutritional status as a surrogate marker was carried out at the University of Pennsylvania, which showed a correlation between nutrient deficiencies and disease progression. Nutrition can also alter the efficacy of other treatments; according to Dr. Beach, "patients who were put on AZT who had low plasma zinc levels did not do nearly as well on the drug as those who had normal plasma levels of zinc... In the original studies of AZT they found that B12 deficiency correlated with an increased incidence of side effects from the drug. So both the efficacy and the tolerance of antiretrovirals can be influenced by nutritional status."

Beach cautioned that there is some question as to the practical use of zinc, since some studies have shown that large amounts can suppress the immune system. Low plasma zinc levels are a natural response by the body in the face of infection, and might have a beneficial effect, such as slowing viral replication.

Dr. Beach's research group proposed that vitamin B6 deficiency is directly related to anxiety and depression in early HIV infection. They also gave recommendations for nutrient supplementation in early HIV infection, suggesting that HIV-positive individuals consume more than the Recommended Daily Allowance of many nutrients, to maintain adequate blood levels. They made interim recommendations for vitamins A, B2, B6, B12, C, and E and for zinc. (Selenium deficiencies have also been found in HIV infection.)

Three papers were submitted on vitamin A which showed that people with AIDS commonly have a vitamin A deficiency. Researchers also discovered a relationship between low maternal vitamin A levels and fetal death. The immunostimulatory effects of beta-carotene (a vitamin A precursor, which is safer to use than vitamin A itself) were studied at Yale. In this study, half the patients had an increase in T-helper cells while taking 120 mg. of beta-carotene per day. Upon discontinuation of therapy, patients returned to previous T-helper levels.

Joan Priestley, M.D., a physician from Los Angeles, presented a poster abstract on an observational study of a nutrient replacement therapy she uses with her patients. She reported that nutrient supplementation helped patients maintain stable body weight, enhanced quality of life, and even extended survival time.

MALNUTRITION AND AIDS

"It is well known that the function of the immune system is influenced by the nutritional status," stated Dr. J.T. Hommes of the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam. Malnutrition has been shown to weaken the body's ability to fight infection, "resulting in increased susceptibility to infectious diseases with increased morbidity and mortality." Similar findings were presented in a poster abstract from the Clinique des Maladies Infectieuses, Grenoble, France.

Donald Kotler, M.D., from New York, spoke during the oral session about the lack of research on the impact of malnutrition on AIDS pathogenesis. Malnutrition in people with HIV can be caused by a variety of things, including insufficient food intake and metabolic and absorption abnormalities. Studies have demonstrated that appetite stimulation and enteral feeding can lead to increased body weight. The correct application of these treatments is not clearly understood. Dr. Kotler has also researched exercise, which he has found to improve quality of life, and which may be the least expensive way of making up for the adverse effects of weight loss.

A number of papers addressed the use of nutritional interventions: counseling and prescribed diets, growth hormone therapy, parenteral nutrition, nutritional formulas, prevalence of nutritional interventions, and appetite stimulation using Dronabinol (marijuana extract) and Megace (megestrol acetate).

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Dr. Beach estimated that one billion people, a quarter of the world's population, are malnourished. "Most of the new cases of HIV infection are occurring in the third world, and they are occurring in areas exactly where that malnutrition is particularly endemic... So, even if we have an HIV vaccine somewhere down the road, we are going to have to pay attention to the nutritional status of the people who are getting that vaccine."

In Africa, AIDS was originally referred to as "slim disease" because wasting is one of the most common symptoms of HIV infection in developing countries. "The triad of diarrhea, fever and weight loss are the three principal symptoms you see everywhere in the third world," and they are directly related to the malnutrition of those who become HIV-infected. People who are malnourished are more susceptible to infection by HIV, so the cycle of poverty and disease continues unabated.

The first part of the report, "Alternative and Traditional Medicines–Report from the VIII International Conference," which appeared in the Aug. 27 issue, was also authored by Jason Heyman, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the article.

Leads on New Drugs: Published-Only Abstracts From International AIDS Conference, Basic Science Track

Almost five thousand abstracts were submitted to the VIII International Conference on AIDS. The ones considered most important by the teams which put the program together were scheduled for presentation in the oral sessions (often with eight to ten different sessions running simultaneously), or as poster presentations, with researchers given numbered board spaces on which they could post whatever information they wanted, and scheduled times to try to be there to talk with anyone who wanted to meet them. But due to time and space limitations, there were about a thousand submitted abstracts which were judged worthy of publication but could not be scheduled for presentation in Amsterdam. These were published in a separate volume of the three-volume set of conference abstract books, which was given to everyone who attended.

Each year these published-only abstracts from the international conference include important information, but are largely ignored. The reports are important, even though they did not make the cut as oral talks or as posters, because with something as rapidly changing and poorly understood as AIDS, no one, including the reviewers who selected the abstracts, can know what will prove valuable in the future; the most innovative leads, being unfamiliar, can end up in the published-only book. (We also noticed a number of high-tech research reports from Moscow in that volume. They may have missed a higher rating because reviewers had difficulty evaluating them, since in the past there had been limited communication between AIDS researchers in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere, due in part to deliberate U.S. policy.)

Another reason why the published-only abstracts are largely ignored is that they are not tied to anything happening at the international meeting, while thousands of other abstracts are; conference attenders naturally read the latter first, to make sure they do not miss an important talk or other event. Therefore the scheduled presentations get most of the attention, and the total amount of information is so overwhelming that few have time to get to the published-only papers.

This article summarizes some of the published-only abstracts in "Track A: Basic Science," one of the four tracks of the conference. We focus here on leads for new drugs or unfamiliar drugs, but could not finish even this category, and will have to continue this article in a future issue. We also plan to look at the other tracks in future articles especially "Track B: Clinical Science and Care." Note that all these abstracts were due March 2, 1992, so they do not include results after February.

Since Track A focused on laboratory research, the potential drugs mentioned are seldom treatments which are ready to use now; rather they are possibilities for the future. Although they do not have immediate use, physicians, scientists, and activists may find it helpful to know about them.

THE ABSTRACTS

Ketotifen Inhibits the Production and Secretion of TNF-Alpha in PBMC Cultures of HIV-Infected Patients, Germany: This paper found anti-HIV activity of ketotifen (an anti-asthma medicine used in Europe) at a concentration which could be achieved in patients. The mechanism of action is by reducing levels of TNF (tumor necrosis factor), which is similar to the action of the prescription drug pentoxifylline, and possibly NAC.

Anti-HIV-1 Activity of CD4 Synthetic Oligopeptides, Italy: Two peptides which corresponded to a critical region of the CD4 molecule were found to inhibit HIV in laboratory tests. The abstract did not say how much inhibition was found. The principle here would be similar to that of soluble CD4, which in its original form failed to work as a drug in human tests.

The Experimental Investigation on Traditional Chinese Medicine for Anti-AIDS, Beijing: This abstract reported two separate studies. In one, "some Chinese herbs which were selected from effective clinical treatment in some African countries" were tested for antiviral activity against SIV (simian immunodeficiency virus, which causes an AIDS-like disease in some monkeys and which is very close to HIV-2) in laboratory tests. They did find a "significant" antiviral effect. The herbs were not identified.

The other study, in immune-suppressed mice, found that different herbs behaved as immunomodulators. They were identified only as "some prescriptions and herbs of effective clinical treatment."

Effects of Immunomodulator SB-73 on Intra-Ocular Graft Tooth Germ Development, Brazil: SB-73 is a potential AIDS treatment being

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developed in Brazil; a test in patients was reported at the international conference in Florence in June 1991. This study, a toxicity test in animals, found no problem with high doses. (Another abstract on effects of SB-73 on tooth germ development was published in the same book.)

Group Specific, Neutralizing, Syncytia Inhibiting, Cytotoxic Human Monoclonal Antibodies Against HIV-1 for Passive Immunotherapy, Austria: Passive immunotherapy against HIV today is usually done by transfusing plasma from persons who are making good anti-HIV antibodies and remaining clinically well, to others who are not making antibodies effectively and are more seriously ill. A refinement of this method is the drug called HIVIG, in which the antibodies are extracted and purified from the blood of donors. In both cases, the antibodies were made by people.

It is widely agreed that the future of passive immunotherapy will depend on antibodies created by special cells engineered from human cells in the laboratory, allowing mass production of the antibodies and avoiding the need for human donors. This abstract reported the development of 32 different cells which secrete anti-HIV antibodies; these were produced by finding cells which produced effective antibodies, then transforming those cells so that they could grow indefinitely. Three of the 32 cells were selected for human testing of the antibodies they produce.

Retrogen Increases the Anti-HIV Activity of AZT, ddI, and ddC, Belgium and Iowa: Retrogen is "a double-stranded RNA conjugated with polysaccharide"; according to the abstract, it has been found to be not toxic to humans and to increase T-helper and white blood counts. In this study, it was tested in laboratory cells, using an animal virus (marine sarcoma virus), not HIV. A concentration of retrogen which gave 30 percent protection was able to reduce the effective concentration of AZT, ddI and ddC to about a quarter of the concentration otherwise required. Retrogen was also tested against HIV and HIV-2, and the effective concentrations were found to be less than two micrograms per ml.

Booby-Trapped Cells: A New Approach for Gene Therapy of HIV Infection, France: Since the blood cells infected by HIV are all derived from stem cells in the bone marrow, it might be possible to genetically engineer some of these cells so that they could not be infected with HIV, allowing the patient's blood to be repopulated with new cells which are immune to the infection; this concept is called gene therapy.

Most gene therapy approaches so far have tried adding genes which in some way make the cell resist infection. The researchers suggest a different approach, making cells which will quickly be killed if they are infected by adding a gene which makes a toxin which will kill the cell, but which does so only under control of HIV regulatory sequences. His group did make such cells, and they completely stopped the spread of HIV in laboratory cultures.

Effect of Natural and Synthetic Lignins on HIV Infection and on Myeloperoxidase Activity, Japan and Germany: This is a technical study relevant to previously reported work with "a natural lignin from pine cone, and synthetic lignins from caffeic acid, ferulic acid, and p-coumaric acid," which were described as potent antiviral agents in laboratory tests in certain cells.

Antiviral Action of Polyadenylic-Polyuridylic Acid Against HIV in Cell Cultures; Synergistic Effect with AZT, France: This drug, commonly called poly(A)poly(U), has been used in long-term cancer treatment with no toxicity observed, according to the abstract. Poly(A)poly(U) showed anti-HIV activity, and also made AZT work more effectively in laboratory tests. The drug also stimulates natural killer cells and other components of the immune system. Like AZT, etc., it has no effect on chronically infected cells; it seems to work by preventing viral entry, so it would not help with cells that are already infected.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For those who did not go to the conference and want to look further into some of the work mentioned here, the best way is to borrow the abstract volumes, or get copies of the abstracts of interest, from someone who went to the conference. Perhaps you can locate a set through a local AIDS organization or a specialized library. A few copies may still be available for purchase, but they cost $150 for the set for 1,500 pages of technical material reduced in size to tiny, hard-to-read type.

This conference, for the first time, asked researchers to include their phone and fax numbers at the bottom of each abstract, so it is possible to contact them for more information.

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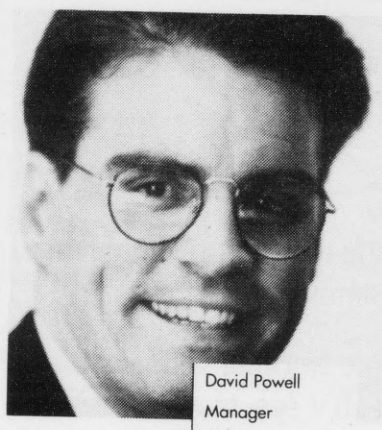

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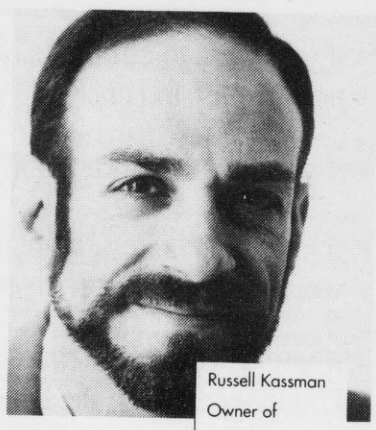

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Women's Day Blood Drive Another Success

On behalf of the Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund I wish to thank the Irwin Memorial Blood Center of the San Francisco Medical Society, Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, and particularly the women's community of the greater Bay Area for their participation in our Eighth Annual Women's Day Blood Drive. The annual outpouring of support from women in our community has enabled us to successfully maintain a group account that has kept pace with the escalating numbers of transfusions which advances in AIDS treatment have created. This account serves two purposes: providing PWAs a means of alleviating transfusion costs and helping to insure that blood is available for health needs during critical summer shortages.

Each summer our blood drive has attracted the support of caring women, many of whom might not have previously considered donating blood. While our fund was primarily begun by lesbians responding to the community effort to combat HIV disease, it has been augmented by many of Irwin Memorial's own pool of donors who seek to give to our project. We have found that involvement with the blood drive has had a profound effect on those who wish to contribute and make a difference. Because recent blood bank regulations have narrowed the eligible pool of donors, we continue to find that the bulk of our donor pool continues to be sustained by eligible women.

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Lenore Chinn, Director
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Adult Self-Interest

Vic Tim's letter ("Realities of Child Sexuality," *SF Bay Times*, Aug. 27) demonstrates the adult self-interest that characterizes so many discussions that are, supposedly, about *child* sexuality. It also perpetuates some troubling gaps in logic that routinely appear in the rhetoric of advocates for pedophilia.

Invoking the "Harvey Milk" mantra is an intellectually lazy way to argue for the integrity of adult-child sex. Tim states that Milk—while in his 50s—had a 16-year-old boyfriend. Yet, there is a significant difference between that sort of (presumably) consenting relationship and, say, sex between a 50-year-old man and a 6-year-old boy. Advocates for pedophilia consistently refuse to consider developmental factors in determining what goes into a "healthy" adult-child sexual relationship.

Tim also states that Harvey Milk "learned about the beauty of gay sex from gay men in the back of the New York Metropolitan Opera House when he was 12." Again, this is hardly a compelling argument for the "beauty" of adult-child sex. The fact that a 12-year-old boy's sex life consisted of anonymous blowjobs given in the dark by closeted gay men of privilege says more about homophobia than pedophilia. In a non-homophobic, sex-positive society, 12-year-old boys could have sex with each other, without the secrecy and guilt that surely characterized "back room" sex in the New York Metropolitan Opera House.

What continues to trouble me about adult-child sex is not so much the sex itself, but the social dynamic in which that sex is embedded. Men who claim to be "boy lovers" don't seem to really love boys at all. Pedophiles talk endlessly about the sexual empowerment of children, while ignoring their urgent social, political and economic needs. More young gay boys in this city need jobs than need blowjobs.

Actually, the whole debate over pedophilia, while important, is an insidious distraction. Certainly, we need more substantive research on this important subject (the "unimpeachable" evidence that Tim speaks of does not exist). However, I am deeply alarmed by the tendency of this ongoing debate to distract our attention from those in this community who are a much greater danger to children than any self-professed pedophile. On the whole, the Log Cabin Club is probably the greater threat to our children than NAMBLA.

The men of the Log Cabin Club continue to support Republican policies that—quite literally—leave children uneducated, unemployed, hungry and homeless. We need to spend more time rallying against that appalling abuse, which hardly provokes the sort of widespread and energetic public outcry that inevitably rises up to meet each new clash over pedophilia.

Al Kielwasser
San Francisco

Protect Homosexual Fetuses

The best way to prevent a letter to the editor from being printed in the San Francisco gay newspapers is to be "politically incorrect," by opposing the pro-choicers' "abortion on demand" philosophy. This close association between "gay rights" and "abortion rights," in the mind of the general public, seriously harms the gay liberation movement by needlessly alienating those Americans who oppose abortion and consider it an unacceptable birth control measure.

The recent scientific research on the brains of known gay men, (assumed-to-be) heterosexual men, and women (whose sexual orientation was not identified), strongly indicates a biological cause of male homosexuality. Parents-to-be will probably have the option of checking an unborn child to see if that child is a male with a homosexual orientation, and then to abort their gay child because he will be highly unlikely to give his parents grandchildren.

If such a pre-birth test becomes available, the first in line to abort gay males will almost certainly be those philosophically secular liberals who are proud to support gay rights—but would rather leave the bearing and raising of gay offspring to others.

Ironically, the Roman Catholic Church of the United States may soon emerge as the major public supporter of an unborn gay child's right to life.

I would urgently urge gay men and gay women to shatter the perceived link in the public's mind between "gay rights" and "abortion on demand." Abortion should be morally acceptable only for grave reasons that would allow the destruction of human life: the mother's health, incest or rape.

Congratulations to the *SF Bay Times* for upholding the social obligation of the press to publish all viewpoints, even those which are widely judged to be "politically incorrect" by gay leaders in the San Francisco Bay Area.

James Francis Gibbons
San Leandro

Real Gay Genocide

I am simply amazed at the lack of understanding and analysis that all our leaders have shown this election year. In their desperate attempts to finally win an election and be "on the winning side" for a change, they have co-opted the future of our culture for some short-term political success.

Is it not enough that AIDS has and will continue to decimate the best among us? Does it need more help? Then why are we so glibly promoting abortion and choice? Are we so poorly educated in science that we can celebrate the findings that finally verify the non-choice, genetic-development origins of our sexual orientation, and at the same time smugly sanction unrestricted abortion as purely a civil rights/privacy/feminist empowerment issue?

Abortion is already used for birth control, sex selection and the elimination of the physically/genetically impaired in much of the world. Researchers just need the data that will come in the next few years that will enable them to predict with some certainty the sexual orientation of the fetus from the very same amniotic tests done now. Technological advances are inevitable.

I am certainly not advocating a ban on abortion, but merely a refocusing on the seriousness and implications of it. To permit cavalier, government-subsidized, unrestricted abortion is to allow the majority (i.e., heterosexuals) to practice unmitigated genetic engineering! The irony is that the religious right could never in their wildest dreams have envisioned such a perfect tool for our destruction.

Wake up, my feminist friends. This pro-choice bandwagon may be a heady, feel-good experience right now, but for us the last stop is Auschwitz.

Gene Dermody
San Francisco

The Big Lies

Stuck with an indefensible economic record, Bush and Quayle are attacking Bill Clinton's economic plan using the Big Lie technique employed by Adolf Hitler: Fabricate a damaging falsehood about your opponent and repeat it until listeners think, "Gee, he wouldn't keep saying it if it weren't true."

Big Lie 1: Clinton will raise taxes on everyone with a job. Fact: Clinton proposes that those earning $200,000 or more pay increased taxes, and those earning less get a reduction in taxes.

Big Lie 2: A tax increase is the basis for Clinton's economic recovery plan. Fact: Clinton proposes that $20 billion raised through spending reforms be used annually to revitalize the economy by rebuilding roads, bridges and railroads, and by converting defense industries and their work forces to needed technologies.

These attacks are not exaggerations, distortions or selective use of facts; they are outright lies. Quayle is lying, Bush is lying. They are liars. Evidently their family values don't include honesty.

A Republican campaign strategist says they will go on lying about Clinton's economic plan "because it works." It may, but Bush's contempt for the truth makes him a better candidate for a job at the *National Enquirer* than for President.

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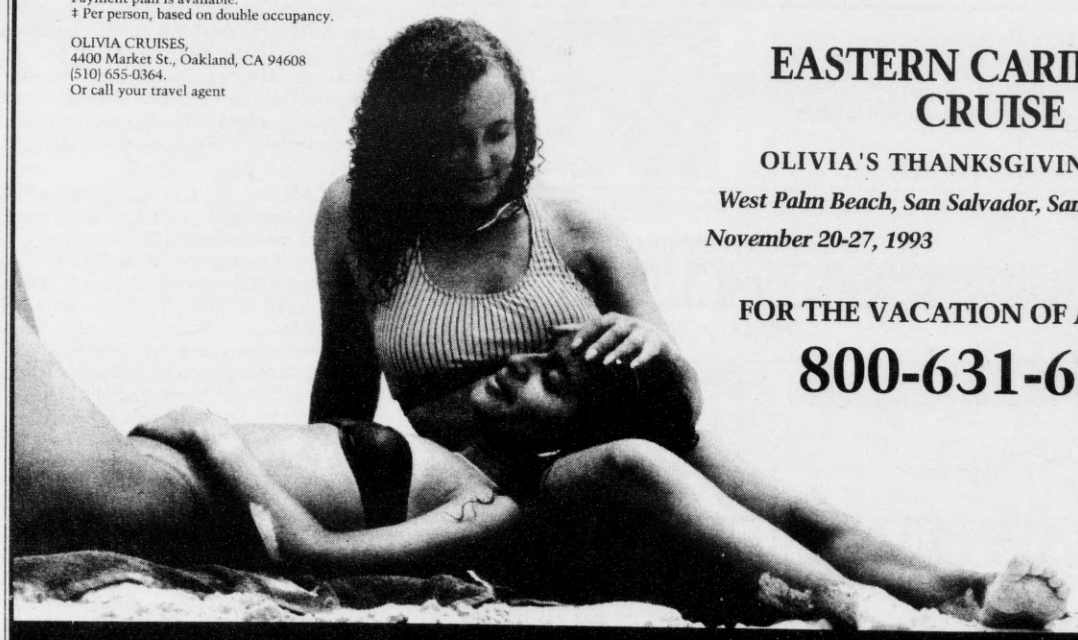

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(astrology)

By Jack Fertig

To Mars Another Day

Wanna see something big, red and very butch? Mars is rising nowadays about midnight, and just a little bit earlier every evening. On Friday, Sept. 11 at 11:06 pm he goes into Cancer. Normally Mars spends about six weeks in a sign, but he will turn retrograde on Nov. 28, forward on Feb. 14, and remain in Cancer until April 27. On the political front, Mars in Cancer makes both our country and Saddam Hussein more aggressive. One may hope that it also makes the populace angry enough to react against 12 years of incompetent, greed-headed executive mismanagement. It could happen.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: You have a rep for shooting straight from the hip, especially lately! All of a sudden you're telling anyone present not so much what you *think*, but what you *feel*. You may even have trouble telling the difference between thought and feeling, so be very careful when strict logic is called for. Emotional impulses to speak up may be quickly mitigated by a little common sense. You're especially tempted to tell relatives and roommates things that may be better left unsaid—or at least thought through and stated more diplomatically.

TAURUS: You're such a smart shopper—usually! You are already primed for impulse spending, and Mars entering Cancer will only make it worse. Rather than rationalizing or thinking past your shopaholic impulses, you are now more than ever prone to just go ahead and buy anything on a whim. Warm thoughts of loved ones can spark a run of generous purchases. You're sure to see wonderful little gifts that are so "right" for that special friend that you just have to buy them. And it may not be so little. If it's really so perfect it will be there the next day. Sleep on it. It's also especially tempting (and not necessarily a bad idea) to buy things for the home. Make a list, check it twice, and get into your usual smart shopper mode.

GEMINI: As much as you like to rule your life by logical reasoning, you now find yourself getting moody and temperamental. Actually, what you are becoming is more sensitive and emotional. It just takes some getting used to. Your typical outspokenness can make this a tad difficult. On the other hand, the new intensity of your feelings shouldn't be suppressed either. Remember that you're becoming more emotionally assertive. There's a real double-edged sword! Resentments are going to come up into very clear focus. Make sure to discuss them with someone appropriate and to let go of them. You can now express affection and desire more easily. Feelings are likely to interfere with logic, so discuss plans with friends, and consider advice with an open mind—but don't let anyone divert you from your purpose! Exercise—any form of physical exertion—will help you burn off energy and maintain focus, but be careful. It's all too easy to misjudge your limits now.

CANCER: My, my, my... have we been a little testy lately? I hate to tell you, but it's going to get worse before it gets better. Little things going wrong, feeding your impatience... Actually it's a vicious cycle. Being irritable and demanding is what's making things snafu. Whenever things get out of hand and you feel the pressure rising, take a break! The trick is to center yourself, calm down! Meditation and long, hot baths are what you need. Intimate, self-analytic talks with a trusted friend will help to open you up and get to what's really bothering you, probably something so old and petty that you'll be embarrassed to realize it. All the better to face it and dump it.

LEO: Pushy, pushy, pushy! Even more than usual. You've been having a lot of fancy ideas about all kinds of things you'd like to do, professionally and socially. Now you're moving more on impulse than thought. If it feels right, go ahead, but if you insist that your friends keep up with you, you're likely to antagonize them. Burning off some energy in exercise or athletics can help you to stay in step. Better yet, you'll meet some equally energetic new friends. You could also lose some friends along the way. Think carefully of which connections you value. A "family" feeling among your friends is especially important right now.

VIRGO: Ever thoughtful virgin, you've been mighty preoccupied with getting ahead. Your mind has just been buzzing with ambitious energy. Now it's as if someone's thrown the switch and ideas are not quite what they used to be. Ideas are being replaced with desires. Stop, think, distinguish, restrategize. If you try to push forward as you had planned, you're liable to come off as a bad Joan Crawford impression. (Is there such a thing as a good one?) You've got a fight on your hands to get the position you want. Your intuition is good now, but instincts and impulses to act are deceptive. Think twice before you make any moves. *Happy Birthday: Jenne Blade!*

LIBRA: It's time to get away. You've been having the urge to travel, to explore new and different places. If you haven't been getting a change of scenery, you're now liable to become a mite difficult at home. If you can't get away, find some sort of escape, a weekend away, some physical outdoorsy adventure, or a philosophical exploration that will lift you out of your quotidian realities. Religious endeavors can be deliciously self-indulgent right now. You can even play gleefully at saintly mania, as long as you don't expect anyone to take it seriously.

SCORPIO: Your sign already has a dubious reputation as a sex-crazed monster *cum* erotic virtuoso. In real life you're generally a bit more careful and guarded, but this is when you can live up to that reputation. Lately you've been talking and thinking about it. Now desire will easily conquer reason, and talk gives way to action. Erotic articulation is important to you, and you've been sharp on that score lately. You may feel at least a little disappointed as words now fail you, but this is a time for action, not words!

SAGITTARIUS: You've been talking up a storm lately with your partner, or in search of one. The talk now turns more emotional and less rational. That's all fine if you realize you are indeed being less rational. Yes, you should express your desires to your mate (or the desires for one). Just understand that you are discussing desires and not reason. It's so bloody boring when people "let you have your feelings" without agreeing that you're right. But there's no right or wrong here, so don't insist. The urge to merge (serious coupling, not "just" sex) is more strong than sensible right now. It's a dandy time to pursue a relationship, but moving in is likely to be precipitous.

CAPRICORN: Your mind has been racing a mile a minute at work; now the brain is stepping aside and your feelings are picking up on the energy. This can easily create misunderstandings and all kinds of problems—if you're unprepared. Occasional stock-taking on your own, and then checking in with others, will be very helpful. Be very clear with yourself about what you want at work, whether or not your desires are logical, practical, or reasonable. Moods and desires can be a great motivator or a lot of interference, so get them up front and well understood so you can make sure they are either productive or out of the way.

AQUARIUS: Some people may think you're having too much fun, but is there such a thing? Right now your pleasures turn more subtle, more private. Recent flirtations are about to get a bit more serious. Just a bit. Desire is certainly becoming more intense, but whether it develops into anything serious remains to be seen. This is an excellent time to put new energies into a new hobby, especially something of a domestic nature. Cooking is at the top of the list, but sewing slip covers, remodeling the house, and investing in real estate are other possibilities. This is also an ideal time to spend with children.

PISCES: Did you know most accidents happen in the home? Take that into careful consideration or you'll learn the hard way. You've been having all kinds of delicious ideas for domestic improvement, and now desire overtakes intellect. You've thought it out; it's time to move. Fine, but move carefully. Make sure your desires are compatible with roommates'. (Arguments are likely to happen now.) Be very mindful of any hazards (sharps, flames, electricity, etc.) and mindful also of standard precautions. Don't be discouraged by any of these warnings. If you don't act, frustration will create yet more trouble. Act carefully and deliberately and you should do just fine.

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BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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SEP 10 / T H U

"Living Fear Free: Overcoming Agoraphobia, the Anxiety & Panic Syndrome," is the topic of this morning's radio talk show, "Off the Hook with Dr Bob." 10-11 am on KEST-AM 1450.

Demo at Chevron Headquarters, 555 Market St (nr Montgomery St BART) to demand a stop to rainforest destruction in New Guinea & neighborhood destruction in Richmond. For details & event confirmation call Rainforest Action Network 398-4404. Noon.

Help Start The Healing: Jerome Chazen, chairman of Liz Claiborne, Inc and members of the SF Domestic Violence Consortium unveil a major public awareness campaign to focus community action against domestic violence. Noon-12:45 pm at Union Square, SF. Scheduled speakers include Calif Gov Pete Wilson & SF Mayor Frank Jordan.

Women's Sexuality: Beyond Stereotypes. Panel discussion with women who believe that sexually explicit material can enhance women's sexuality and "expand the definition of women's sexuality beyond stereotypes of naive disinterest or hopeless romanticism to include whatever a woman chooses." Panelists include: Nina Hartley, RN, BSN, sex entertainer, writer, educator & producer; Joani Blank, sex educator & founder of Good Vibrations; Lisa Palac, writer & editor of *Future Sex* magazine; and Susie Bright, author, critic & sex activist. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. Cole Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Booksigning 1-1:30 pm. Info: 476-0400.

Men's Friendship Group meets 2:45 pm today & 9/24 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000 v/tty.

Sci Fi Channel Party at Dark Carnival Bookstore: In celebration of its arrival on local cable, the Science Fiction Channel & Dark Carnival host a huge party honoring Bay Area creative people, expected luminaries include: Karen & Poul Anderson, Peter Beagle, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Teresa Edgerton, Robert Silverberg, Fritz Leiber, Karen Haber & others. Plus door prizes, souvenirs, refreshments, etc. 6 pm. 1978 Adeline, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757. Across from Ashby BART.

HIV Dementia: The Challenge of Caregiving: An educational/support series for the partners, friends & family members of persons with HIV dementia or related neurological impairments; presented by the Family Survival Project, in cooperation with Homecare Companions, the UCSF AIDS Care Study & Kairos House. Thursday nights, 7-9:30 pm, thru 10/15 at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Ctr, Castro & Duboce, SF. September schedule: 9/10: Overview of HIV Dementia; 9/17: Medications & the Treatment of Dementia; 9/24: Behavior Management Strategies. Space limited, pre-reg suggested. $30 fee for entire 6-wk series, some scholarships available. Info: Laura Cole 434-3388.

Getting Your Scene to Soar: Wkshop with Dossie Easton. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational wkshops for the s/m community. Having a great scene involves more than just a skillful & safe use of toys. Dossie shows how both tops & bottoms can help ignite a scene. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Rounds Singing for Women Class: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom, in many languages, from many centuries. Haunting harmonies, complex rhythms to make you swoon. No musical experience necessary. SF location. Thurs 7:15-9 pm. For fee & other info call Kay 285-9642.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Collective reading by women confronting the deaths of their mothers. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Body Image. Discussion of how society determines how we view our bodies, and what we can do about it. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Cynthia Kadohata, author of *The Floating World,* reads from her new novel, *In the Heart of the Valley of Love,* a stark vision of a new world order set in 2052 in Los Angeles. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Julia Hutton discusses her book, *Good Sex,* in which 80 people tell their own sexual stories. 7:30 pm, free. Refreshments served. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

New Horizons, a social/support group for young adults in their 20s, meets tonight. Topic: Coming Out. 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg time. Info: 457-3523. Isabel Cook Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Room 18.

At Cody's Books: Herb Kohl discusses his new book, *From Archetype to Zeitgeist: An Essential Guide to Powerful Ideas.* 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days..." hit comedy about Frank & Ted, sons of *The Honeymooners'* Ralph Kramden & Ed Norton, two queer working class roommates trying to make ends meet in more ways than one. 8 pm, $10. Final performance! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Local contributors to *Telling It Like It Is,* the long-awaited lesbian of color issue of *Sinister Wisdom*, read & discuss their lives & work. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit OWT's Women's Voices series, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

ATA Open Video Screening: 8:30 pm, free! Wanted: Your video works, finished or unfinished, ten minutes or less. Show it & become a big star. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

SEP 11 / F R I

Anti-Fur Leafletting at SF Opera Opening Night: Leafletting & promotion of the Fur Amnesty Donation Program. 6 pm at the SF Opera House, Van Ness Ave nr City Hall, SF. For details & event confirmation call In Defense of Animals, 453-9984.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Author Dave Duncan (*The Seventh Sword*) reads from his new work, *The Cutting Edge.* 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Ballroom Dance Class for Gays & Lesbians: 7-8 pm, $8 per class. 9/11, 18 & 25 at Jon Sims Ctr, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF. Info: 995-4962.

Women's Country Western Dance Class meets 7-9 pm in the Eastbay. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Author Sheppard Kominars, PhD (*Accepting Ourselves: The 12-Step Journey from Addiction for Gay Men & Lesbians*) facilitates an "Accepting Ourselves" discussion. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Jon Lewis discusses his book, *The Road to Romance & Ruin: Teen Films & Youth Culture,* an analysis of the teen film as a rare medium which is able to represent the otherwise chaotic & conflicting experience of youth & the breakdown of traditional forms of authority. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Jen's Friends Performances: 8 pm, $3-5 SL fee at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 485 14th St, SF. Alcohol & tobacco-free space.

Gala *SEX IS...* Benefit at the Castro Theatre: Features a live fashion extravaganza, a wild look at lesbian & gay fashions from the '70s & beyond with Miss X, Phillip R Ford, Ggreg Taylor. Elvis Herselvis, Peggy Sue, Lulu, Gerard Koskovich, David Bonetti, Steve Warren, Carpeteria & other stunning celebutantes (70s style dress encouraged!). Emcee Justin Bond. Also rare screening of the landmark film *Boys in the Band,* plus a sneak peek at a portion of *SEX IS....* 6:30 pm celebrity cocktail reception, followed by program at 8. Tix $8 adv, $10 at show, $20 show & reception. Proceeds benefit *SEX IS...*, Marc Huestis & Lawrence Helman's documentary looking at the meaning of sex & sexuality in the lives of contemporary gay men. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, Castro & 18th or call 863-3226.

At Cody's Books: Award-winning mystery writer Julie Smith (*New Orleans Mourning*) reads from her sequel, *The Axeman's Jazz,* based on a true-life serial killer who never took victims from any house where jazz was being played. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Afro Pomo Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cafe: SF-based performance troupe returns to SF with their hit show, following a smash engagement in London. Porn novels, personal narratives & media madness provide the backdrop for writer/performers Brian Freeman, Eric Gupton & Djola Bernard Branner to savage the contradictions of Black gay life with intelligence & outrageous humor. Fri-Sun thru 9/13 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm show tonight. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At the I-Beam: *Motherlode, The Organization, Big Bad Wolf* and *Liquid Sky.* 9 pm, $6. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Men Dancing 11—see 9/10.

Food Not Bombs: *How to Feed the Hungry & Build Community*—publication celebration for this unusual book about feeding the hungry & political organizing, based on 12 years of experience. Book includes more than 30 vegetarian recipes for serving 100 meals, steps to start & maintain a free food program, and more. Tonight's celebration includes poetry, videos, live music & free vegetarian food. 8-11 pm at the Epicenter Zone, 475 Valencia St nr 16th, SF. Info: Food Not Bombs 330-5030.

"Hoedown: To Russia With Love," a country western dance with DJ David Adreatta of Fife's. 8 pm-1 am, $6 at door, $5 with blue jeans donation. Proceeds benefit Pink Triangles in Red Square, a group of gay & lesbian square dancers traveling to Russia in 1993. At St Paulus Church Hall, Gough at Eddy St, SF. This event was changed from a previous date.

At ATA: See *Halftime in America,* a selection of of Super Bowl halftime shows dating from 1982, a look at the evolution of these Disney-like extravaganzas reflecting the American *zeitgeist.* A night of propaganda for the whole family. 8:30 pm, $3-5. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Sharon McNight returns to the Bay Area for a rare engagement at the Coconut Room at Joe LoCoco's Ristorante, Drake's Landing, Greenbrae. Show runs Fri-Sun thru 10/4. 8:30 pm show, with dinner served from 6 pm. Tix $35 for dinner & show, $15 for show only. Info/res: 925-0808.

"Overlapping Clothes," a new dance work by Jill Togawa, with the Purple Moon Project, a multiracial company of 6 lesbian dancers. The work explores passion, intimacy & desire between women. Tonight & tmw and 9/18 & 19 at 8:30 pm. Part of Footwork Studio's Bread & Butter Series. Tix $10. At Dancer's Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 824-5044.

Spoken Word Savages Series continues with "Budada & Chrome," a reading with poet Jack Mueller & poet/translator George Scrivani at the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, SF. 9 pm, $4/$5. Info: 558-8112.

The Young Dubliners in concert at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm, $10. Info/res: 885-0750.

Club nZinga at El Rio: World beat dance party with dj Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 12 / S A T

Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take I-580 to 35th Ave or Hwy 13 to Redwood Road. Go east toward hills on 35th/Redwood Road. Continue on Redwood approx 2¼ miles past Skyline Blvd. Entrance to park is on left. Meet at 9 am inside the park at last parking lot. Parking fee, offstreet parking is free. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Women's Motorcycle Contingent 3rd Annual Fun Run to Memorial Park (near Half Moon Bay): Today & tmw—ride down today, camp overnight at the park, or ride down Sunday with a group for the traditional BBQ/brunch & motorcycle games—call Medina 431-8492 or LB 552-5221 for info/details. See you there.

SF Hiking Club Potluck & Picnic at the San Gregorio private beach. Two miles of clothing-optional private beach with plenty of wind barriers (so it's warm even on cold, windy or foggy days). Cost per car $13 (includes entrance fee) to be shared among passengers. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Auto directions from SF: Take Hwy 280 south, then Hwy 92 westbound turnoff to Half Moon Bay. At Half Moon Bay, turn south (L) on Hwy 1, about 10 or 11 miles south of Half Moon Bay look for white gate onto a dirt road on the right hand (coast) side of Hwy 1 (about 100 yards north of the junction with Hwy 84. If you get as far south as San Gregorio State Beach, you've gone a few hundred yards too far). This gate or one on the dirt road beyond it, is marked "toll road." Drive to parking lot. Info: Dick Olsen 584-1034.

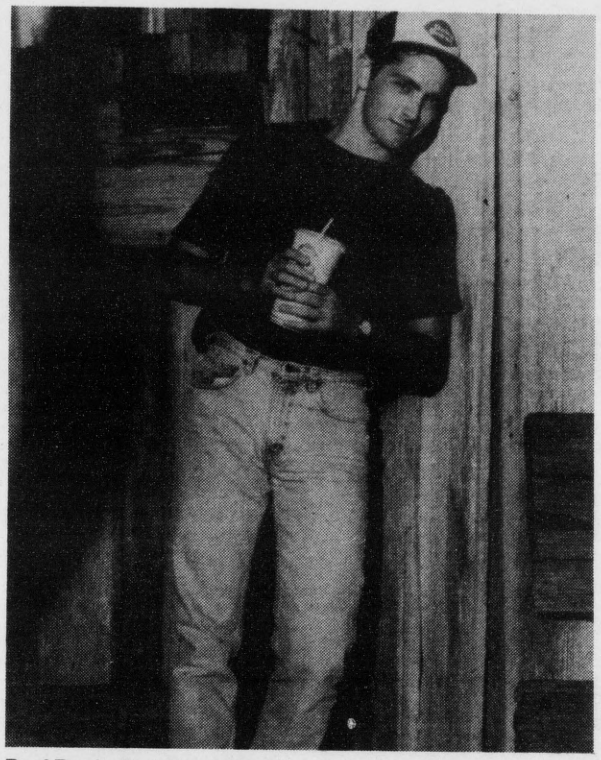
Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. 10:30 am. Info: Adam Sellar (510) 845-4028.

LSG September Potluck: SOL invites the women of LSG & the lesbian community to an end of the summer swim party/potluck at Sue's house in San Jose. Everyone welcome! For directions & other info call (408) 448-5249.

Rainbow of Sisterhood: 13th Annual Git Together at Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland. Directions: Off Hwy 580, exit at Fruitvale, turn left; turn right at MacArthur, left at Lincoln. Signs posted. Women & children welcome! Bring your own stuff to BBQ, plus one item to share. Cooking & eating utensils & grill provided. Donation requested. Info: Saundra (510) 763-7685.

Beyond Breaking Up: A wkshop for lesbians on emotional detachment and rebuilding your life. Info: Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

Canyon Sam stars in "Taxi Karma," part of the 3rd Annual "Solo Mio: Festival of Solo Performance," thru Sept. 13 at Climate Theatre. See OnStage for details.



Paul Bonin-Rodriguez stars in "Talk of the Town" at Josie's Cabaret, Sept. 17-20. Calendar has info.

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"Men Dancing II" at Theatre Artaud, featuring a night of work by male choreographers and dancers. Check OnStage for more info.

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"Paintings From the Beach" by Robert Morgan at A Different Light Bookstore, thru Sept. 29. See Galleries for details.

Team SF Gen'l Membership Mtg: 3:30 pm at Eureka Valley Community Ctr, 100 Collingwood St (behind Cala Market), SF. Topics: intro of new board member, update on the Federation & the Athlete's Fund, info on travel & housing for Gay Games IV, fundraising efforts & more. Everyone welcome, but only current TSF members may vote on Team matters. Info: 824-8118.

Spectrum 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration! Join Spectrum as they celebrate 10 years of service to the lesbian/gay/bisexual community of Marin, and our friends. Also help celebrate founder Janie Spahr's 50th birthday! 5-8 pm at Falkirk Cultural Center, 1408 Mission St at E, San Rafael. Musical entertainment with harpist Michelle Sell & flutist Radhika Miller. No-host bar. Catering by Deberah Sutter. $10 donation at door (no one turned away for lack of funds), pledges requested during the program. See you there!

GLAA (Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance) Sept Mtg: 6-9 pm at the home of Ruben Joy, 1258-A Folsom St, SF. Gen'l meeting followed by potluck. Bring something to eat or drink, and artwork to discuss. All members participating in SF Open Studios should attend this meeting. Call 626-0415 for info/directions.

BI's for Bill: A Clinton for President Bash spons by the Bi-Friendly Network. A get-together for folks involved in this critical venture (it's a party, not a potluck & not a fundraiser, though buttons & bumper stickers will be available at a nominal cost). Oakland location. Call Chris (510) 652-7405 for details.

BWMT Rap/Social: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion/social. Tonight's topic: "Your Ass is Mine!" dominance & submission as part of an ongoing relationship—can it work? Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7 pm. Facilitator, Peter Eggenberger; greeter, Calvin Lowery. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. 1350 Waller St (nr Haight & Masonic), SF.

Benefit Poetry Reading at New College: Martha Lunney, graduate of the Social Clinical Graduate Psychology Program at New College, reads her poetry & prose. 7:30 pm, $5-20 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit Lunney's intensive internship at the Family Centre in Lower Hutt, New Zealand, where Maori, Samoan & European practitioners are practicing "Just Therapy: Family Therapy & Social Justice." 777 Valencia St, SF.

Men Dancing 11—See 9/10.

At the I-Beam: *Little Women* and *Buffalo Roam*. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

"Turkey with Frank & Other Tales," autobiographical stories of teenage prostitution. A full evening of work by writer, performer, singer Ann Renee Rosencranz. 8 pm, $5-$59 at 848 Divisadero at McAllister, SF. Info/res: 826-5443.

Afro Pomo Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/11.

Funny Lady Comedy Night at Sisterspirit! An eve of hilarity & goofiness with Diane Erickson, Amy Boyd, Gale Hand & Karla Carmony. 8:30 pm, $7-10 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

ATA Other Cinema Series continues with "(Im)Possible Worlds," program featuring the relentless return of Craig Baldwin's cargo-cult classic, *Tribulation 99*, Phil Patris' *The Iraq Campaign*, Joel Katz' *Corporation with a Movie Camera* and Eric Saks' *The Ark*. 8:30 pm, $5. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

"Overlapping Clothes," dance work at Footwork, see 9/11.

Freedom Song Network 10th Anniversary Celebration Concert at Freight & Salvage: A high-octane celebration to launch FSN into another decade of music & activism. Performers/groups include—Faith Petric, George Fouke, Jenny MacHarg, Jon Fromer, Judy Fjell, Lichi Fuentes, Linda Hirschhorn, Mark Levy, Nancy Schimmel, Stephen Riave, *Swingshift*, *The Welfare Cheats* (reunited for the occasion), and *Vukani Mawethu*. Also a full-scale version of the Freedom Song Network chorus and a once-in-a-lifetime performance (no speeches allowed) by the heads of the five Bay Area labor councils. 8:30 pm, $10. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Proceeds benefit FSN. Info: (510) 548-1761 or (415) 753-0245.

Bern in Concert at the Albion, 16th & Albion St, SF. 10 pm.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Karen Ripley, Suzy Berger & Sabrina Matthews. 10 pm, $8. 3583 Market St at 16th, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At El Rio tonight: *Pansy Division, Vox Humana, Nothing Committee*. 10 pm-2 am, $4. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 13 / SUN

6th Annual Whitewater Raft-A-Thon, a benefit for Project Inform: A fun-filled day of whitewater rafting on the South Fork of the American River. Each raft skippered by a professional river guide (so the trip's great for those with no prior experience!). Run is rated Class III. Lunch provided. Trip costs $50 (it's a $110 value), in return you're asked to collect pledge money for Project Inform for each mile you go down river (total of 10 miles). Overnight camping on 9/12 for $10 (includes light breakfast). Organize a corporate team or a group of your friends—call Bill Rosen or Bill Stibich for details: 558-8669.

Easy, Scenic Stroll with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: From Seal Rocks to Seacliff & back. Meet 10 am at Thrifty's, Church & Market, SF. Bring lunch & water.

Potluck Brunch for Men: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm, bring a dish to share. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.

Corona Heights Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Noon. Info: Adam Sellar (510) 845-4028.

1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Equal Rights & Liberation Gen'l Mtg: 2-4 pm. 116 New Montgomery (at Mission), SF. Info: (510) 655-4486.

Marin BACW Picnic & Play: Picnic at 3, play at 5, who knows at 10? At the Buena Vista Winery in Sonoma, see you there! Call Elizabeth for info/directions; 388-4788. $12.

Loss of the Ground Note: *Women Writing about the Loss of Their Mothers*, bookreading & signing of this anthology edited by Helen Vozenilek. Local contributors present. Join in a discussion with other women who have lost their mothers. 3-5 pm at Mama Bears Bookstore, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Potluck & Annual Meeting. For info/location call 626-5750. All city planners & related professionals are welcome!

Comics & Performers discuss artistic blocks: 3 pm today & 9/20 & 27. Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Lynne Tillman (*Haunted House, Motion Sickness, Absence Makes the Heart*) reads from her latest work, *Cast in Doubt*. 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891. Free.

Salsa at El Rio with *Benny Velarde Super Combo*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Vocalist Richard McGhee at the Club Chameleon, SF. 5:30 pm. Free, donations accepted.

Reception with SF Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg: Fundraiser for Campaign for Equality, the political action fund of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. 4-6 pm, $15. Rockridge Woman's Club, 6065 Chabot Road (off College Ave, nr BART), Oakl. Info: (510) 843-0667.

Sweet Honey In the Rock, the internationally-acclaimed a capella ensemble committed to preserving African American song traditions, sing their way into your heart & soul tonight at Zellerbach Auditorium, UC Berkeley. 7 pm. Tix $21 & $18. $2 discount for students & seniors with ID. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

Cantate Service of chanting, meditation & prayer at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 282-2317.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Lynn Tillman reads from her book, *Cast in Doubt*. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Men Dancing 11: Final performance! See 9/10 listing for details.

Middle Eastern Music by Mary Ellen Donald & Mimi Spencer at the Grapeleaf Restaurant, 4031 Balboa St, SF. 8 pm.Two-drink minimum (without dinner purchase). Info/res: 668-1515.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit" at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 9/11 for details.

SEP 14 / MON

8th Annual Gourmet Benefit at Chez Panisse for the Committee for Health Rights in Central America (CHRICA). Special guests include: Barbara Lee, Democratic Assemblywoman, 13th District; author Michael Parenti; Poet, essayist, activist & UC Berkeley professor June Jordan; and poet/activist Piri Thomas. Enjoy a fine evening of inspiration & cuisine, and help support health projects in Central America. 5:30 pm, $75. Wheechair Accessible. Info/res: 431-7760.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation tonight & 9/21 at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

Leather Pride Week in SF: Week full of fun events: 9/14, Australian Party at the SF Eagle, 8 pm. 9/15: Headquarters Official Welcome 6:30-9 pm, New Zealand BBQ at SF Eagle at 8 pm. 9/16, Mr Drummer Basket Auction at 8 pm, SF Eagle. 9/17: *Drummer* Salutes Leatherwomen, 6-9 pm cocktails; Fetish & Fantasy Ball, 8 pm at Club Colossus, 1015 Folsom St. 9/18, Int'l Drummerboy Finals, Pt I, doors open at 6, contest begins at 7. 9/19: Drummer Last Supper, beer bust 2-6 pm at Lone Star Saloon; Int'l Mr Drummer Finals, VIP reception at 6 pm, doors open at 7 pm, contest at 8. 9/20: Mr Drummer Victory Brunch, 10 am-1 am cocktails, Folsom St Fair 11 am-6 pm, Tea Dance in the tent, noon-midnight in front of the SF Eagle, Pigs in Paradise dance party at 6 pm, Club Townsend, 177 Townsend, SF. For full details & event confirmation call the Drummer office 252-1195. Tix are available at the office, 24 Shotwell (off 14th, btwn Folsom & South Van Ness) St, SF.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Sabrina Matthews. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Cody's Books: Wavy Gravy, court jester of the cosmos & holy house clown of the counterculture, discusses his book, *Something Good for a Change: Essays on Peace Through Living*, a compilation of hard-earned wisdom. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

SEP 15 / TUE

Battered Lesbian Support Group in Marin. Spons by Spectrum. Call 457-1115 for details.

Hearing Loss & Communication: Classes for People with HIV/AIDS: Special pilot class offered by the Hearing Society for the Bay Area. Tonight & 9/22 & 29, 5-7 pm at the Hearing Society, 20 10th St, SF. There is information in the medical journals indicating that HIV can cause hearing loss, and over 75 percent of people with HIV/AIDS may have ear disorders or hearing loss. Class provides info & technical assistance, as well as a safe, comfortable space to discuss issues, concerns & feelings connected with having HIV and related hearing loss. $60 class fee, however no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For info/reg call 863-4710 (voice) or 863-2550 (TDD).

Leather Pride Week continues in SF, see 9/14 for events info.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by bodybuilder Jim Rueth. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Who Will Be Hurt When I Die?"—Attorney Nan Goodart discusses everything you need to know about wills, probate, death taxes, incompetence, powers of attorney & living trusts. Free, informative seminar. 7 pm. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"A Message Received from Extraterrestrials," talk presented by Felix Clairvoyant. 7 pm at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, Sf. Info: 775-0227.

Marin BACW Social Membership Mtg: Bay Area Career women meet for dinner & discussion—help plan the upcoming social calendar. 7-9 pm. Info/res: Sharon 453-9317.

Cruising, Tricking & Getting What You Want: Wkshop with Lou. Ever avoid going to s/m events because you don't have a date? Leave a play party alone because you don't have the courage to approach someone you wanted to meet? Lou, a lesbian who enjoys open relationships & uncoupled play, shares lessons learned in 11 years of cruising & tricking with women. Class includes paired exercises. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $15. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: 7:30 pm. Political cartoonist Tom Tomorrow (aka SF's Dan Perkins) presents a slide show/discussion & evening of repartee to celebrate the publication of his book, *Greetings from this Modern World*. 601 Van Ness Ave at Opera Plaza, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Feminist author Madelyn Arnold reads from her books *Bird-Eyes* and *On Ships at Sea*. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 9/22 & 29 for food, drink & conversation at 7:30 pm at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. Info: 845-7441.

Erotic Reading Circle for Women at Good Vibrations: Women of all preferences & proclivities are invited to this informal monthly gathering—bring any erotic writing, published or unpublished, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's—to share with the group. Non-judgmental listening guaranteed, punctuality appreciated. 8-10 pm, free. Women only. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

At Cody's Books: Media analyst, social critic & author Todd Gitlin (*The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage*) reads from his first novel, *The Murder of Albert Einstein*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At Thunder Bay: *The Big Huge, Pony Ride, Team Sheep* and *Gizzard*. Doors open at 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

Ethel's at Josie's: New show from the producers of "What Ever Happened to BB Jane?" and "Psycho the Musical," with Mark Sargeant as Ethel Merman, and a cast of the best Bay Area cabaret talent, singing your favorite classic & contemporary Broadway hits. Plays tonight at 8 pm & 9/22 & 29 at 10 pm. Tix $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Mexican Independence Celebration on the eve of Mexican Independence Day: A joint benefit event produced by Life on the Water and Live from the Mexican Museum. Emcees Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas & Herb Siguenza of *Culture Clash*, John Santos & Friends, and Mexico City's Astrid Hadad y *Los Tarzanes*. 8 pm, $15 gen'l, $25 reserved seating, $50 patrons. At Bimbo's 365 Club, 1025 Columbus Ave (North Beach), SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

SEP 16 / WED

Leather Pride Week continues in SF, see 9/14 for event info.

Men's Discovery Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm. Today's topic: Have You Ever Paid for Sex? Facilitated by George Birimisa. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.

"Charting the Path Toward Wellness," lecture by Mylene Rucker, MD, medical director of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Learn how to become a responsible partner with medical or alternative providers in making your own healthcare decisions. 6:30 pm, donations welcome, no one turned away for lack of funds. Part of Lyon-Martin's "Speak Easy" lecture series. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Info: 565-7667.

BACW Course in Miracles: Join Bay Area Career Women's ongoing study group promoting personal & spiritual growth. 7-9 pm. Newcomers welcome! Info: Sharon 453-9317.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Norman Rush reads from his 1991 Nat'l Book Award-winning novel, *Mating*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Lucha Corpi reads from her new mystery novel, *Eulogy for a Brown Angel*, about Chicano activist Gloria Damasco who unravels a trail of murder set against the Chicano movement in Los Angeles. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At Thunder Bay: *Number 9* and *A Living Torch*. Doors open at 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

Author Tama Janowitz (*Slaves of New York*) reads excerpts from her new book, *The Male Cross-Dresser Support Group*. 8 pm at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Tix $9 in adv, $12 at door. Info: Danny Schwager 346-6040 ext 3044.

At Faster Pussycat! *Honeypot!* For details call the Pussycat Hotline 561-9771. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF.

At the I-Beam: *Hobo, Skyclad, Yah Yah Little Man* and *Happy Going Nowhere*. 9 pm, free! 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

SEP 17 / THU

Leather Pride Week continues in SF, see 9/14 for event info.

"What to Do with Feelings from the Past When They Just Won't Go Away," is the topic on this morning's radio talk show, "Off the Hook with Dr Bob." 10-11 am, KEST-AM 1450.

Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual support group for ages 14-22, meets tonight & 9/24. 5:30-6 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 6-7:30 pm group time for everyone. Call 457-1115 for location info, call 457-3523 to leave a message (picked up every Thurs).

Chili & Spice DJ Dance Party at El Rio. Night of salsa, funk & hip hop. 7 pm-2 am. Free pool! 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Marin BACW Investment Club Mtg: Get in on the ground floor, invest a little of your time with other women, learn creative ways to utilize your money. If you can afford $50 per month, this group is within your reach. $1 events fee. Info/directions: Suzanne 453-2912.

HIV Dementia: The Challenge of Caregiving lecture series continues, see 9/10 listing for details.

Qi-Gong Demo: Master Qui Yang Ma-Chinese Buddhist Qi-Gong demo, with rare appearance by Master Ma. Learn the basis for all oriental healing arts by movement of Qi (or chi) energy. 7-9 pm, free. Alive & Well! Institute of Conscious Bodywork, 100 Shaw Dr, San Anselmo. Info: 258-0402.

Lost in the New World Order: A panel on Central America & the press in the post-cold war era. Spons by Media Alliance Central America Committee. Panelists include Reese Erlich, Cal State Hayward journalism teacher & freelancer; Suzanne Jonas, UC Santa Cruz Latin American Studies teacher & author; Barbara Johnson, director of the Central America Media Monitoring Project; Chris Norton, *Christian Science Monitor* correspondent; Jeff Gillenkirk, freelance journalist. 7:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor dining hall.

Supervisorial Candidates Forum at SF Jewish Community Center: 7:30 pm, $2. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

BABN Forum: Bay Area Bisexual Network spons forum on "Bi's In The News." Discussion on how well we're being represented in the media. Bring any articles on bisexuality from the straight or gay/lesbian press that you've read in the last year or so. 7:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF.

Berkeley Candidates Forum: East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets to consider endorsements for Berkeley City Council, School Board & Rent Board. 7:30 pm. West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave at San Pablo, Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0667.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Mystery author Patricia Cornwell (*Postmortem, Body of Evidence*) reads from her third foresenic sleuth mystery, *All That Remains*. 7:30 pm. Info: 441-6670. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Hilary Lunn discusses her recent fact-finding tour of England and the effects of "Clause 29," the government-enforced homophobic law. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Margaret Cruikshank discusses her new book, *The Gay & Lesbian Liberation Movement*, an analysis of the movement & its links to other progressive movements, its impact on AIDS, and the central role of women. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA , 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Foster Parenting. Discuss what kind of people make good foster parents, and what kinds of kids are in the system. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women are welcome.

New Horizons social/support group for young adults in their 20s meets tonight. Topic: Where Has My Self-Esteem Gone? 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members, mtg 8-9:30 pm. Isabel Cook Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Room 18. Info: 457-3523.

Men's Cigar Night: spons by Hot Ash & Cigar Studs, two int'l clubs for gay men who smoke cigars (and men who enjoy men who smoke cigars). 8 pm till closing, at Lone Star Saloon, 1354 Harrison St, btwn 9th & 10th, SF. All cigar lovers are encouraged to attend. No cover charge. Cigars on sale at the bar (attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite smokes). Info: 563-7585.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Berkeley writer Linnea Due reads from her third novel, *Life Savings*, about the lives of a group of 40-something lesbian tradeswomen. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit OWT's Women's Voices series. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Sex, Love & Older Women: Wkshop at Good Vibrations, with Ranger Hamilton, the country's first sex therapist. Focus on how older women can express & fulfill their need for love & sex. 8-10 pm, $20. Pre-reg required. Call 550-7399 for reg/info. 1210 Valencia St, SF.

Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in "Talk of the Town," at Josie's Cabaret. SF premiere of a sexy tale of Tex-Mex queerhood written & performed by Bonin-Rodruguez, a Chicano/Cajun queer artist from San Antonio, Texas. Comic monologue tells the story of Johnny, a irrepressible small town sissy who finds love, lust & Lady Bird Johnson at the local dairy queen. $10. Plays Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/20, with an added 10 pm show on Fri 9/18. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Gary Palmer Dance Co presents the world premiere of Palmer's "Suitcases & Strangers," a new evening-length work, in seven performances (9/17-19, 25-26 at 8 pm; 2 pm matinees on 9/20 & 27) at the SecondStage, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, corner of Mercy & Castro Sts, downtown

Mountain View. Tix: $15. Info/res: 903-6000.
At the I-Beam: *Wade* and *Clockbrains.* 9 pm, free! 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

SEP 18 / F R I

Leather Pride Week continues in SF, see 9/14 for events info.
7th On Sale/SF, the fashion industry's megaevent & sale to fight AIDS, takes place today thru 9/20 at SF's Fashion Center and features merchandise from hundreds of local, nat'l & int'l designers & retailers, sold to the public during separate buying sessions throughout the weekend. Sessions are limited to 2 hours each, & first-run merchandise will be available for each session. All proceeds benefit Bay Area AIDS agencies & will be distributed by DIFFA (Design Industry Foundation for AIDS). Buying Sessions: 9/19, 9-11 am, 12:30-2:30 pm, 4-6 pm. 9/20, 11 am-1 pm, 3-5 pm. Add'tl sessions may be added, special sessions are available for event patrons. For more info on this & related events call 863-SALE. Tix: $12, available at BASS (510) 762-BASS, (800) 255-BASS.
At Dark Carnival Bookstore: "Splatterfest '92," readings, talk, media & fun—meet Carol Clover, author of the daring, politically incorrect *Men, Women & Chainsaws*; and famed "splatterpunk" writers John Skipp & Craig Spector, co-authors of *Light at the End* and *Deadlines*. 6 pm. Free "blood bar." 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Across from Ashby BART. Info: (510) 845-7757.
BACW Sonoma TGIF: 6-8:30 at the Ziggurat in Guerneville (on River Rd, just before the 116 intersection as you travel west from Santa Rosa). No-host bar. $2. Info: Louise (707) 833-2303.
An Evening With... jazz pianist Mary Watkins, the Women's Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble, author JoAnn Loulan, KPFA's Chris Welch, urban consultant Aileen Hernandez, Tale Spinners Theater, Stepchildren Dance Group, authors Carmen de Monteflores & Nikky Finney, *Likha,* Filipino folk ensemble, folksinger Dana Jae, African American singer/songwriter Rashida Oji, sultry music by Ali, plain folk rhythms by Amy M; in celebration & support of the Women's Building renovation. Come see the snazzy new second floor! 6-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. $10 adv donation, $12 at door. Door prizes, refreshments. All proceeds benefit the building renovation projects. Info: 431-1180.
Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Wonmen for good food & conversation amid the natural ambience of the Mandarin Gardens in Fairfax. $1 events fee. Call Lynne 457-4866 for reservations & other info.
SEXART 2: Opening show of sex, sexuality & eroticism by gay men, lesbians & others. Features special readings throughout the evening. 7-11 pm, $5 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 544-1136.
Ballroom Dance Class for Gays & Lesbians at Jon Sims Center, see 9/11.
The Jon Sugar Show: 8 pm, free at Kimo's, Polk & Pine, SF. Produced by GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective).
Paul Bonin-Rodriquez in "Talk of the Town," at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/17.
"Overlapping Clothes," dance choreographed by Jill Togawa, see 9/11. **Country Western Dance** & Fundraiser spons by SF Fringe Riders, the Bay Area's only all-female country western dance troupe. 8:30 pm, $5. At the Corral, 2410 Market St, SF. Proceeds benefit the troupe's upcoming trip to the San Diego Gay Rodeo on 9/25. Info: (415) 616-4674 or (510) 939-4406.
Spoken Word Savages Series continues with "Hearbeats," an evening of poetry & music with Andy Clausen, Robin Rule & Eleni Sikelianos. 9 pm, $4/$5. At the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.
Club nZinga: Int'l dance party at El Rio. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At Thunder Bay: A Club Mix presentation, "Camp 'n Out With..." *The Del Rubio Triplets* and Pussy Tourette. Emcee Ggreg Taylor. Doors open at 9 pm, adv tix at BASS for $7. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.

SEP 19 / S A T

Nurturing for Caregivers: Caring for someone with AIDS, Alzheimer's, cancer, advanced age or other illness or condition? It's important that you take care of yourself too—come to today's event spons by Kairos: Support for Caregivers and sample a smorgasbord of "nurturing alternatives," including yoga, rebirthing, astrology, meditation & more. 9 am-4 pm, $25 donation benefits Kairos. Adv reg required. 114 Douglas St, SF. Info/reg: 826-9001.
Tilden Park Nature Area Run with Eastbay Frontrunners Club: From downtown Berkeley, take Spruce St to top of hill. Just past the intersection of Spruce & Grizzly Peak Blvd, turn left onto Canon Drive. Turn left at the bottom of the hill. Meet 9 am in the parking lot. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
11th Annual Gay Sports Day on Angel Island: Spons by SF Frontrunners. All members of gay & lesbian sports clubs & their friends are welcome! Full program of sporting activities—runs, hikes, volleyball, softball, cycling, football, croquet, Gay Games selection, etc. Potluck brunch (bring a dish to share, serving utensils & your own drinks). A-G bring dessert, H-O salad, P-Z main dish. BBQ provided, so BBQ foods are welcome! Special Red & White Ferry sailings depart SF's Pier 43 1/2 at 9 am, and return at 4:15 pm. Rountrip fare: $8. If you're without adv tix, make sure you arrive at least a half hour before sailing time. For info call SF Frontrunners 206-9312 or Angel Island Sports Day Chair, Mike 863-9987. For sailing info from Vallejo call Red & White Fleet 546-2896.
Leather Pride Week continues in SF, see 9/14 for events info.
Short, Relaxing Stroll with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans, from the Golden Gate Bridge to beautiful Kirby Cove in the Marin Headlands. Meet 10 am at Thrifty's, Church & Market, SF. Bring lunch, water & warm clothes. Info: 552-2916.
Caregiving: The Final Stage, a one-day wkshop offered by Kairos: Support for Caregivers. Caring for someone thru their dying process can be an emotionally awkward & challenging process for which few of us are prepared. Today's wkshop, open to partners, spouses, friends & family members, as well as professionals & volunteers, provides practical & emotional tools for supporting someone thru the dying process, as well as expanding the caregiver's capacity for fulfillment. 10 am-4 pm, $35 donation requested. Adv reg required. Call 861-0877 for info/reg.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Picnic—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Art for Life, the annual fundraiser for Face to Face, Sonoma County AIDS Network, takes place at the Friedman Center in Santa Rosa. Art auction begins at 3 pm, features over 200 donated works of art representing Sonoma County's finest artistic talent. Also hors d'oeuvres & non-alcoholic beverages served. Tix $10. For adv tix & other info call (707) 544-1581.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Jesse Green reads from *O Beautiful.* 3:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Jewish Lesbian Writing Wkshop: Offered by Judy Freespirit, local writer, poet & teacher. Safe place to explore & express our unique experiences as Jews & Lesbians; an exciting, fun day for all levels of experience. East Bay location. Info/res: (510) 540-5504.
BWMT Rap/Social: Tonight's topic: It Doesn't Matter If You're Black or White? Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion on if it does or doesn't, and why. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7. Facilitator, Peter Eggenberger; greeter, Calvin Lowery. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome! 1350 Waller St (nr Haight & Masonic), SF.
Autumn Equinox Celebration at the Church of Amron: Ritual & communion. All welcome! For info/res call 775-0227. 7 pm.
"Get A Burr in Your Saddle," a country western dance benefit for the Women's Philharmonic. 7 pm-midnight. Free dance lesson 7-8 pm. First Unitarian Church, Geary & Franklin, SF. Tix $15 adv, $20 at door. Info: 543-2297.
Western BBQ Dinner Night with Girth & Mirth Club: 7 pm, $7. 176-B Page St, SF. All food provided by the club. Info: 824-0260.
River Social Club: Tonight is the first meeting of this social club for Northwest Sonoma County gay men. 7 pm at Face to Face, 11632 River Road, Guerneville. Casual dress. Light refreshments served. For info/RSVP: Jonas (707) 869-0964 eves.
Eat, Drink & Meet... social for HIV positives, spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project. Potluck dinner at Kairos House, 114 Douglas St (btwn 17th & Market), SF. Bring your best dish! 7:30 pm. Info/RSVP: Brian 386-2103.
Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in "Talk of the Town," at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/17.
Bi-Friendly Gender Bender Party to celebrate Matt's 10th year of living in the Bay Area. Drag & cross-dressing strongly encouraged, prize given to the most convincing dresser! 8 pm-midnight, bring a snack or drink to this low-alcohol event. Oakland location. Call Matt (510) 530-3381 for details.
Double Bill at IMA Center/Retreat in Bodega with singer/songwriters Sue Fink & Monica Grant. 8 pm, $12. Info: (707) 876-3004.
Performance Poet Orson Titus Maquelani at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. 8 pm, $5. Seating limited. Call for res/info: 563-9046.
"Overlapping Clothes," dance work by Jill Togawa and the Purple Moon Project—final performance! See 9/11.
ATA Other Cinema Series continues with "Cyberdelic," program featuring Ken Adams & Britt Welin in person for the premiere of their *Experiment at Petaluma* about psychedelic visionary Terence McKenna; plus Marianne Trench's *Cyberpunk* with Tim Leary, William Gibson & Jaron Lanier. Also see the US Navy's anti-LSD flick, *Trip to Where?* 8:30 pm, $5. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
At Sisterspirit: *3-D* band (Angie Antang, Karen Soo Hoo, Stephanie Woehrmann & Marcia Ewert) play from jazz to rock to Brazilian hot—8:30 pm, $7-10. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
BACW Motown Night: Bay Area Career Women present a Motown dance for women. 8:30 pm-1 am at Olive Oil's, Pier 50 (259 China Basin, off 3rd St), SF. Tix: $10 in adv, $13 at door. Adv tix available by mail—BACW, 55 New Montgomery, Ste 606, SF 94105—or call 495-5393.
At the I-Beam: *Del Rubio Triplets* plus special guests... 9 pm, $7 adv, $8 at door. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Mark Davis, Liz Olsen & Mario Mondelli. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Genuine Diamelles* and *Hockaloogie.* 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 20 / S U N

Leather Pride Week: Final day! See 9/14 for details.
HIV Positives Brunch spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project. 11 am. For location/RSVP & other info call Brian 386-2103.
9th Annual Folsom Street Fair, "The Whole Nine Yards," is back! The City's hottest street fair returns, jam-packed with local entertainment, exotic foods (& folk!) and some of the best arts & crafts around. The 7th Street Stage & outdoor Dance Club features the talents of SF's finest DJs, including surprise local track & hip hop acts. The 11th Street Stage features Gary Walker of F/X The Club hosting an array of local bands, comics & guest emcees including *Sister Double Happiness, City Swing* with Gail Wilson, Jo Carol, Sister T, *The Stimmies*, Nepata Mero, Mark Davis, Pussy Tourette, *Acid Housewife*, Terri Foster & *Angel Corpus Christie*. 11 am-6 pm between 7th & 11th Streets on Folsom, SF. So be there!
Voice Techniques Wkshop with Sue Fink: Experienced teacher ("She's taught everyone from Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys to the excruciatingly tone deaf.") 11 am-1 pm, $25. Spons by Institute for the Musical Arts. IMA Cultural Center/Retreat, Bodega. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.
Berkeley Garden Party with Hortiphiles, group for lesbians & gays who enjoy growing plants. 11:30 am potluck held in the urban home garden of a Hortiphiles member, followed by carpool to the University of California Botanical Garden for a 2 pm tour. Info: 851-1022.
SEXART 2: at the Castro Street Fair, noon-5 pm, $2 suggested donation. After Fair: SEXART Salon 5-7 pm with readings & performances.
"Finding Your Niche: Career Development in the Creative Arts," wkshop led by Monica Grant, drawing on her experience in human resource development and her career as a singer/songwriter & comic. Explore your potential for successful work in the creative arts. 1:30-3:30 pm. IMA Cultural Center/Retreat, Bodega. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.
G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Discussion of the latest research concerning nutrition, Chinese herbs & health with licensed acupuncturists Tom Sinclair & Howard Moffet. Info: 552-1997.
Bi-Friendly Women's Hot Tub Social: Meet for coffee at Radio Valencia Cafe, 23rd St at Valencia, SF at 2 pm, go at 3 pm to Osento, 955 Valencia St, SF for some women-only hot tubbing! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Artistic Blocks Discussion for comics & performers, see 9/13.
AIDS Interfaith of Marin quarterly service at St Patrick's Church in Larkspur. 4 pm. Everyone welcome. Info: 457-1129.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Orquesta Salsa Caliente.* 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Women's Spirituality Group Fall Equinox Ritual: 5 pm at Muir Beach (beyond Green Gulch Zen Center). Potluck. Ritual begins at 6:30 pm. Bring dish to share, drums, ritual items. Info: Spectrum 457-1115.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Women Take Stage," workshop with playwright/actress Carolyn Gage. Learn the basics of acting, explore what makes actions believable on stage. 5-7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Peg Cruikshank reads and discusses her book, *The Gay & LEsbian Liberation Movement.* 5 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Midlife Lesbian Support Group: Discussion, followed by social hour. Come help plan future activities! 6:30 pm. Location & other info: 922-7690.
Pansy Division at The Albion, 16th & Albion, SF. 8 pm. Free acoustic show.
Middle Eastern Music by *Arabian Passion* with guest performance by Karen Barbee. 8 pm. Two-drink minimum (without dinner purchase). Grapeleaf Restaurant, 4031 Balboa St, SF. Info/res: 668-1515.
Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in "Talk of the Town" at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 9/18 listing for details.

SEP 21 / MON

Midlife Lesbian Career Support Group: For midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing careers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk group spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, career counselor. Mondays 6-8 pm, low cost. Info/reg: 431-6405.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 9/14.
At Thunder Bay: *Ilorsey* and *Guy's Problem.* Doors open at 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Sabrina Matthews. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-7933.
At Cody's Books: Eric Maisel discusses his book, *Staying Sane in the Arts: A Guide for Creative & Performing Artists*, a down-to-earth survival manual for working or aspiring artists in any field. Maisel looks at the unique emotional, psychological & professional challenges facing writers, musicians, painters, dancers & actors. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

SEP 22 / T U E

"Latinas & the Reproductive Rights Movement," a lecture by Luz Alvarez Martinez. Martinez, director & co-founder of the National Latina Health Organization, discusses the need to change the focus of the narrow abortion agenda to encompass access to quality health care, freedom from reproductive abuses & culturally relevant info on education & sexuality. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.
Hortiphiles Ice Cream Social in Mountain View. Fresh strawberries & ice cream, sold in the urban home garden of a Hortiphiles member. Croquet available for sports fans! For location & other info call 851-1022. Guests & newcomers are welcome. Hortiphiles is a group for lesbians & gays who enjoy plants.
Take A Hike with Marin BACW: Bay Area Career Women Frietas Parkway hike. 6:30 pm. Call Elizabeth 388-4788 for details. $1.
A Meeting with Emmanuel, video presentation at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227.
Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Ongoing weekly series of drop-in classes for women. Tonight's class focuses on Independent Goddesses—Diana, Artemis, Lilith, Athena, Arianrhod & Aradia. Meet each Goddess personally thru ritual & information sharing. 7-10 pm, $20-30 SL fee, Partial work exchange available, no one turned away for lack of funds. Beginners welcome! Led by Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist. Near MacArthur BART. Info: (510) 652-6355.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: KPFA producer/community activist Penny Rosenwasser reads selections from her newly-released book, *Visionary Voices, Women on Power: Conversations with Shamans, Activists, Teachers, Artists & Healers.* 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets at 7:30 pm for food, drink & conversation, see 9/15.
At Thunder Bay: *Bliss, Cotton Head* and *The Rubys.* Doors open at 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Drive at Addison Street (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

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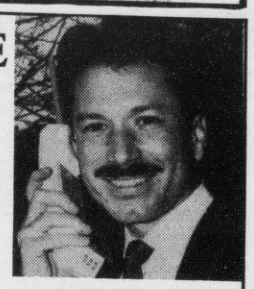
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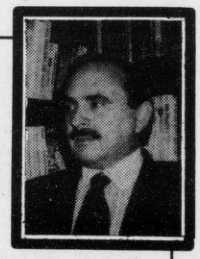
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Ethel's at Josie's—see 9/15 listing for details.
Cody's Books: Aaron Kipnis discusses *Knights Without Armor: A Practical Guide for Men in Quest of Masculine Soul*, an examination of the costs of living up to the old heroic ideal, and the possibility of a new masculinity, one strong & warrior-like yet gentle, visionary & practical. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

SEP 23 / WED

Eve's New Beginning: A Woman's Stop Smoking Clinic. Wednesdays, noon-1 pm, thru October. Free. At UC San Francisco, Room HSE 317, SF. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' Last Drag Program. Pre-reg required, call 565-7676 for info.
Older Lesbians Drop-in Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Bag lunches welcome. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.
BACW Sonoma Mtg: Planning Mtg for Bay Area Career Women. 6:30 pm social, followed by 7 pm mtg. Info: Toni (707) 578-7743.
NGLF Mtg: Local unit of the Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.
"Rape & Racism," a talk by Jessica White, director of UC Berkeley Rape Prevention Education. A discussion of how slavery & other oppressive historical experiences of African-Americans inform the European-American myth of the "Black Rapist," and what was represented by the Hill, Thomas & Tyson cases. Program spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services as part of their "Speak Easy" lecture series. 6:30 pm, donations welcome. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1748 Market St at Valencia. Info: 565-7667.
Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 105. Info: 929-8877.
Free Home Skills Training for partners, friends & family who are providing home care for persons with AIDS: Course offered over 5 weeknights, tonight thru 9/30, 6-9 pm, free. At St Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde St, SF. Class size limited, adv reg required, call Celi Adams 824-3269 for reg/info. Spons by Homecare Companions, Inc.
At Thunder Bay: Chill E.B. and *Riot Goin On*. Doors open at 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.
"West Coast Sweep," Unbound Spirit Repertory's dance concert commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Japanese American internment during WWII. Features the world premiere of Claludine Ann Naganuma's "Fences," the SF premieres of Jill Togawa's "With Shizuno," and Carol Murota's "Furai Yasai (Old Vegetables)," excerpts from Sachiko Nakamura's "Layers," and poetry by Janice Mirikitani. Wed-Sat 9/23-26 at 8 pm, Sun 9/27 at 2 pm at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door. Info/res: 621-7797.
One Night Stand-ups at Josie's Cabaret: New chapter in comedy history—four of America's most talented gay & lesbian stand-up comics (Tom Ammiano, Karen Ripley, Marilyn Pittman & Scott Capurro) perform for 5 nights, with performances being taped for commerical release on the home video market. Produced & directed by Emmy Award winner Bohdan Zachary & Joseph Hoffman, in assoc with Josie's Cabaret. Plays Wed-Sun thru 9/27 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on Fri & Sat, 9/25-26. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At the I-Beam: Miko, plus *Private Culture, Off Color Miracle* and *Glass House*. 9 pm, free! 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Art Pro-Choice SF Late Night Party: 9 pm-1 am at Big Heart City, 836 Mission St, SF. Music by *The Essentials* & musical guests, plus special guest appearances, lots of dancing. Tix $50/person, $75/couple. Proceeds benefit the Nat'l Abortion Rights Action League and the Northern Calif branch of the Calif Abortion Rights Action League. Info: 546-7432.
At Faster Pussycat! *Potato Eaters*. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

SEP 24 / THU

"Sexual Addiction: Sickness or Deliberate Behavior?" is the topic on this morning's radio talk show, "Off the Hook with Dr Bob." 10-11 am, KEST-AM 1450.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE meets today, see 9/10.
Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group, meets tonight—see 9/17.
Demystifying Professional Domination: Class with Cleo DuBois & Sybil Holiday. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Learn how to select sincere, skilled, professional players; avoid being ripped off, negotiate scenes over the phone. Class addresses the issues & challenges stereotypes about working as a professional. Cleo & Sybil are both professional dominants & longtime s/m players. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.
HIV Dementia: The Challenge of Caregiving series continues, see 9/10.
"Jewish Women as a Force: Continuing Our Involvement," a panel discussion at SFJCC, with guest speakers (follow-up to last spring's "Jewish Women as a Force for Social Change" forum). For details call 346-6040. 7:30-9 pm, $5 gen'l, $3.50 stdnts & srs. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF.

New World, Old Church: a wkend with activist priest/author Malcolm Boyd & Nancy Wilson, senior pastor of MCC-LA and member of the Board of Elders of MCC (Metropolitan Community Church). Three days of special events: 9/24 at 7:30 pm—"What's A Nice Queer Like Me Doing in a Church Like This?" a talk by Malcolm Boyd and "Outing the Bible," with Nancy Wilson. Also entertainment by artist/drummer Barbara Borden at Redwoods Presbyterian Church, 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. 9/25 at 7:30 pm, "Two Queers in Concert: Everyting You Ever Wanted to Know About Gay & Lesbian Spirituality, But Were Afraid to Ask," a night of vocal music by a special quartet at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 9/26 at 9:30 am & noon: "Being Lesbian & Gay Saints in the Church," a dialogue geared to members & leaders of lesbian & gay religious groups, at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, Diamond Heights Blvd & Gold Mine Dr (nr Safeway), SF. 9/26 at 7:30 pm, "What Are Christian Queers Like Us Doing in a Millennium Like This?" discussion with Victoria Rue, feminist theologian & artist at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. SL donation $5-20 at each event, no one turned away for lack of funds. All events SIGN & WA. Info: (415) 255-9244, (415) 457-1115 or (510) 486-0625.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Janet Turner Hospital reads from *The Last Magician*, her new novel about sexual obsession & social ostracism. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Topic: Handwriting Analysis, with Vimala Rodgers, CGA. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women welcome!
New Horizons social/support group for young adults in their 20s meets tonight. Topic: "Transvestite/Transsexual Issues." Guest speakers. 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg time. Isabel Cook Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Room 18. Info: 457-3523.

An Eve with Jovanka Steele at SFJCC: Comic Steele reveals her assortment of hilarious characters, including Morgana the Mud Wench, French artiste Monique, who writes poetry with her face, and Sugar Magnolia, a child born into a 1960's commune. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
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At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Margaret Cruikshank discusses her new book, *The Gay & Lesbian Liberation Movement*, an examinaton of gay/lesbian lib as a sexual freedom movement, a political movement, and a movement of ideas. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit OWT's Women's Voices series. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

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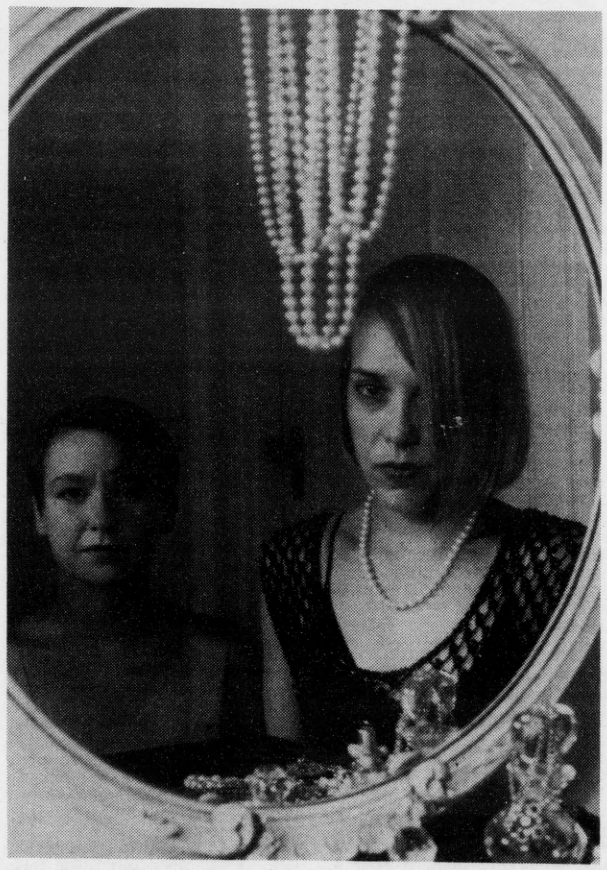
The Pros of Dover: Improv comedy at El Rio with Ngaio Bealum, Diana Brown, Douglas High, Barry Weir, John Rouwerde & Howard Stone. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

parents & kids box

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Picnic at Heart's Desire Beach, Tomales Bay State Park. 9/19, noon-4 pm. Entrance fee $5 per car. Bring lunch for your family, and a dish to share. No dogs allowed on beach. Info: 457-1115.
"Guns, Sticks & Missiles: Raising Loving Sons," a lecture by Joanna Levine, LCSW on how to create strong, assertive yet loving & nurturing sons. Come explore ideas about masculinity, discuss experiencing & responding to "boy energy," developmental stages for boys & tasks for mothers & fathers of boy children. 9/29, noon-1 pm. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Toland Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400. Free.
Jewish Newcomers Fair: Get info on services & activities for the Jewish community throughout the Bay Area, plus entertainment for kids & adults, arts & crafts & more. 9/13, noon-4 pm at Oakland/Piedmont Jewish Community Ctr, 3245 Sheffield, (510) 533-9222; and at Contra Costa Jewish Community Ctr, 2071 Tice Valley Blvd, (510) 938-7800. 9/20, noon-4 pm at Brotherhood Way Jewish Community Ctr, 655 Brotherhood Way, SF, 334-2474; Osher Marin Jewish Communtiy Ctr, 200 N. San Pedro Rd, 479-2000; Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Ctr, 1414 Walnut St, (510) 848-0237; Albert L Schultz Jewish Community Ctr, 655 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto, 494-8444.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. Call to confirm reading schedule.
Sharon Art Studio offers a variety of classes for kids, youth & adults: Glass, beading, Indian beading, ceramics, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Call 753-7006 for info. Located next to the Carousel in Children's Playground, near Bowling Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF. Classes start 9/12. 9 am ceramics, 10 am all other classes.
Richmond Art Center offers classes & wkshops for children & adults in a wide variety of visual arts media. Center is within walking distance from Richmond BART Station. Info: 620-6772.
Eureka Valley Public Library Branch Children's Programs: Films for kids ages 3-5: 9/24 at 9:30 & 10:30 am: *Mole & the Rocket, The Emperor's New Clothes, Whistle for Willie, I Know a Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*. Call ahead for group reservations. Stories for individual children, ages 3-5: 10:30 am on 9/15, 22 & 29. 3555 16th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Info: 554-9445.
Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes last 1-2 hrs. Classes start at 1 pm, sign-ups begin at 12:30 pm. Come early, space limited. Call 554-9600 for info. Schedule: 9/12, **African Tie Dye** with Karen Hampton. Learn a west African tie dye technique involving pleating, folding & stitching which produces colorful geometric designs. Bring 100 percent cotton T-shirt or buy one at the museum for $4. Class $4/person. 9/19, **Pattern Printing** with Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. Use sponges & stencils to create patterns of your own, on colored paper. $3/person. 9/26, **Space Towers** with Florence Wong. Learn to make reality or fantasy-based constructions from rolls of paper built into amazing spacial installations. $4/person. 10/3, **Build a Clay Box** with Dennis Treanor. Stamp various textures onto sheets of clay & use this to construct a box or other storage container. $3/person.
Animal Talk at the Randall Museum: Every Sat. Drop-in 12-12:30 pm and 2/15-2:45 pm. All ages, kids under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. No reg required. Chance to see some of the Randall's animals close up and in person. Call 554-9600 for info.
Jack & the Beanstalk audience participatory fun for the whole family at The Next Stage Theater, 1668 Bush St at Gough, SF. Sun matinees at 1:30 & 3 pm on 9/13, 20 & 27. Tix $5. Info: 775-0596.
"Parenting in the '90s" workshop with Debbie Freed & Lee ann Slaton. 6:30-8 pm. 9/17 & 10/22. One session: $7, $10 couple. Both sessions: $17, $25 couple. Topics: 9/17—"Expectations: Who's Running the Show?" focus on issues of power, control, parents' needs & kids' needs, led by Debbie Freed, MS. 10/22—"School Daze," focus on options & solutions for parents of schoolage children regarding homework, morning rush, lunches, etc, led by Lee Ann Slaton, MS. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
The Rainbow of Sisterhood 13th Annual Git Together for Women & Children—see 9/17 listing in Main Calendar for details.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Master European Paintings," from the National Gallery of Ireland, 9/19-12/6. "Expressions of Place: The Art of William Stanley Haseltine, thru 9/20. "Viewpoints XVIII: Frank Lobdell," works by the abstract expressionist & Bay Area teacher; thru 9/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: "Wright Morris: Origin of a Species," photos & words capturing America's vernacular past, on exhibit thru 11/1. 1992 SEC/Art Award exhibit, 9/17-11/8. Luciano Fabaro: A Retrospective, 10/1-11/29. Linda Connor, 10/15-1/3. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
SF Art Institute: Annual Exhibition "9," art by Marlene Angeja, Ann Chamberlain, Gail Chase-Bien, Marjorie Franklin, Kathleen Jesse, Susan Mabel Maney, Charlene Milgrim, Chikako Okada & Leslie Straw. Thru 9/26. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.
SF Camerawork: "Finstere Medine," (Dark District), a work-in-progress by Shimon Attie, using pre-war photos made in a formerly Jewish neighborhood near Berlin. "Our Bodice, Our Selves," an installation by Deborah Small bringing together two literary phenomena separated by hundreds of years, the New World-inspired "captivity narrative" and the contemporary "bodice-ripper" romance novel. Exhibit runs 9/10-10/10. Reception 9/24, 5:30-7 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Art Lick Gallery: 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.
Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-'40s Calif artist. Thru 9/20. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. Thru 9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. Thru 9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "This is the American Earth," photos by Ansel Adams, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Eliot Porter, William Garnett, Edward Weston, Minor White & others, with narrative text by Newhall; 9/13-11/8. "Max Yavno: A Remembrance,", photo exhibit runs 9/13-11/8. "Open Space/Lukas Felzmann: Muse & Restraint," 9/13-11/8. "Works by Lorna Simpson," thru 9/27. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
Cartoon Art Museum: "Pogo Golden Anniversary," an exhibit of the works of Walt Kelly, one of the first socially-conscious cartoonists. 9/16-1/3. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.
Circle Gallery: 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.
Circle Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.
The Clay Studio: "Veiled Illusions: Paintings & Sculpture," by Beth Sudekum. Thru 9/27. 52 Julian St, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.
Soft Touch Gallery: 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.
Eye Gallery: "Living With the Enemy," photos by Donna Ferrato, a chilling visual chronicle of domestic violence. Opening reception 9/10, 5-8 pm, exhibit runs thru 10/10. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.
Footwork Gallery: 3221 22nd St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, or by appt. Info: 824-5044.
Paintings by Robert Morgan on exhibit at A Different Light Bookstore, thru 9/29. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 885-0851.
"Analytic & Intuitive Expressions," recent metasymbolic artwork by local gay artist Frank Pietronigro, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru Sept. 3583 16th St at Market.
"On the Verge of Optimism III," Black & white photos by Richard Lynch, on exhibit thru 9/16 at Sweet Inspiration Cafe Gallery, 2239 Market St at Noe, SF.
"Deviant Angels," photos by Max Laurie White, on exhibit thru 9/23 in Irving Street Gallery, at Just Desserts, 863 Irving St, SF. Info: 558-9534.
"Eat With Your Fingers," exhibit of frenetic, densely layered monotypes by Max Laurie White. Thru 10/4 in the Solano Avenue Gallery at Just Desserts, 1823 Solano Ave, Berkeley. Artist's reception 8/30, 7:30-9 pm. Info: (510) 893-1554.
New Langton Arts: "I Pissed on the Man Who Called Me a Dog," a site-dependent installation by Daniel J Martinez, with collaborators Vinzula Kara & Mitchel Frank. An examination of behavior linked to the conditions of urban society. Exhibit runs 9/15-10/17, opening reception 9/15, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.
Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.
Robert Koch Gallery: "Carry Me Home," exhibit of black & white photographs of southwestern Louisiana, by Debbie Fleming Caffery; 9/10-10/17. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Classical Chinese Furniture," thru 11/1. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.
University Art Museum: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.
Richmond Art Center: New Russell Herrman installation, "Sun Sails," on exhibit thru 9/13 in the Courtyard. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.
SF Camerawork: 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.
The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.
Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "The Second Day," works on paper by Dean Smith. On exhibit thru 10/17, opening



Kate Perry (l) and Wendy Hall play two medical students involved in a lesbian relationship in "Pains of Youth" at the Somar Theatre thru Sept. 12. OnStage has details.

reception 9/12, 6-9 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

KBBK Studios: Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs and Fri, 2-5 pm Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Pro Arts Gallery: 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.

John Pence Gallery: 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Morphos Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

Robert Dana Gallery: Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

Ghia Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

MACE Space for Art: "Ginnungagap," paintings by Bjarni Sigurbjornsson, thru 10/11; artist's reception 9/11, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

At Stamp Art Gallery: "Nothing," rubber stamp prints & mail art by Ray Johnson, on exhibit thru 9/30. 466 8th St, SF.

Vision Gallery: "Oliver Gagliani: Vintage Contact Prints," photos on exhibit 9/16-11/14, opening reception 9/16, 7-9 pm. "Robert Doisneau: A Birthday Tribute," photos on exhibit 9/16-11/14, opening reception 9/16, 7-9 pm. "Mojo," photos by Keith Carter, on exhibit 9/16-9/14, opening reception 9/16, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

SEXART 2: Mark I Chester's annual group art show exploring sex, sexuality & eroticism, in all sexualities & genders. Includes work by JB Higgins, Freddie Niem, Schuyler Pescada, Tim Collins, Scott Taylor/Wm Lloyd, Mark I Chester, John Renwick/Wayne Corbitt, Max Laurie White, Deborah Allen & Burton Clarke, Ed Freeman, Gavin Dillard and others. Exhibit opens 9/18, 7-11 pm, with special readings & performances throughout the evening, $5 requested donation. Exhibit runs thru 9/27, $2 donation requested. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 621-6294. Private showings by appt.

"Use Gender As a Sex Toy," window installation at ATA by Liz Canning. Video, sculpture & 2-D collage using cultural images of sexuality to both criticize & celebrate gender, while offering its own version of a truly erotic aesthetic. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Laura Kradjan, 6-year retrospective of oil and acrylic paintings on the theme of recovery. Thru Sept at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Photo Exhibit at The Tea Spot Cafe: Works by Cathy Cade, Lizzie Carty, Debbie Fimrite, Catalina Govea, Lorraine King & Jeanne O'Connor, thru mid-Sept. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7378.

Fanciful drawings by Robert de Roos at Modesto Lanzone's Restaurant, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Opening reception 9/17, with 6 pm cocktails. Proceeds benefit Project Open Hand, exhibit runs thru mid-Oct.

"The Year of the WoMAN?" an art exhibit created by women, challenging the abuse of power. 9/11-10/2 at Zeno's Paradox, 552 Hayes St, SF. Opening 9/11, 8-11:30 pm with poetry readings at 9 & 10 pm.

On stage

Ladies' Room by Robin Schiff. A hilarious & sexy comedy with a modern message about dating & friendship. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St btwn Powell & Mason, SF. Info/res: 433-9500. Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sat & Sun at 3 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm. Don't miss!

True West by Sam Shepard. Powerful dramatization of the long-festering rivalry between two brothers. Double Mask production. Regular performances Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $12; Sun at 7 pm, $10; thru 9/13. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Ethel's on Broadway New musical from B.B. & Deaf Cat productions, the producers of Psycho the Musical and What Ever Happened to BB Jane? open-ended run at the On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Fri & Sat at 11:30 pm, tix $7. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.

Richard III, Royal National Theatre of Great Britain's acclaimed production of William Shakespeare's play runs thru 9/13. Sir Ian McKellen plays Richard III, the tyrannical monarch who ruthlessly manipulates or discards anyone in his path, in this production which twists a classic tale of royal villany into a chilling political thriller, a very modern nightmare. Wed-Sat at 7:30 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 1:30 pm. Thru 9/13. Tix $50 orchestra & loge, $45 mezzanine, $25 balcony. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

What Ever Happened to BB Jane? Musical designed & directed by Wayne Buidens, produced by J2M Productions. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Thru 9/26. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St nr Mission BART Station. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576, and at BASS.

Punch!, a Dell'Arte Players production, based on seasonal celebrations & folk traditions that found their way into European theater thru Commedia dell'Arte. A family of Pulcinellas encounters two prattling politicians as they celebrate Carnivale, and a mock battle ensues between Lent & Carnivale. Play uses masks, acrobatics, bawdy humor & spirited hi-jinks to explore the timeless battle between freedom & restraint. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/20, with added 2 pm matinee on 9/20. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-8542.

Owls by Nature, a new black comedy written & performed by Theatre Au Naturel. An intimate comedy about a woman whose infant has been kidnapped by owls. Runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/13. Tix $10. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Info/res: 621-0507.

No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre. Caryn Horwitz presents a cross-dress production of the existentialist classic about life in hell. Plays runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 9/27. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Original Sins, a surreal vaudeville in six lewd acts by The Non-Performing Group. Works includes Alfred Jarry's *The Supermale*, about a lustful host attempting to provoke his party guests into an orgy; Guillaume Apollinaire's *The Breasts of Tiresius*, about the confusion occurring when the good wife, Therese, sheds her breasts to become the soldier, Tiresius; and Antonin Artaud's *The Spurt of Blood*, a manic & violent 3-min play. All three plays are intermingled, creating an entirely new organism. A Bindlestiff production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 9/26 at Bindlestiff Studio, 185 6th St at Howard, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 974-1167.

SOS: Comedy for These Urgent Times by Culture Clash, Chicano-Latino comedy theater trio. Production inspired by the LA uprising following last April's Rodney King verdict. A "double-edged call of distress" delivered thru satire, comedy, rap, stand-up and performance art. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 9/20. Tix $12 Wed & Sun, $14 Thurs & Fri, $16 Sat. $10 stdnts with ID. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Medusa's Last Stand by Colm Wood. A megalomaniac businesswoman, frustrated at being stuck in a middle management position because of her gender, plans a new society in which her male secretary will be the prototype servant and she will be the absolute master. Theatre Pomegranate production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, 9/18-10/10. Tix $4-8 SL. 495 Clementina btwn 5th & 6th, Folsom & Howard, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

Abundance by Beth Henley. The story of two mail-order brides who survive the hostile environment of the male-dominated frontier. Actors Theatre production. Opens 9/10 at 8 pm, $14. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/18. Tix $14 Thurs & Sun, $16 Fri & Sat. Matinees 9/27, 10/4 & 10/11 at 2 pm, $14. The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Speed the Plow by David Mamet. High-velocity comedy set in contemporary Hollywood's Valley of the Deals. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/23. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 9/12, 9/26 & 10/10. Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 9/17, 10/1, 15 & 22. Tix: $24 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun; $31 Fri & Sat, $23 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Forgotten People: 4 One-Act Plays by Tennessee Williams, presented by the Williams Project. Runs Thurs-Sat, 9/10-12, 24-26 at 8 pm; Sun 9/27 at 2 & 7 pm; Mon 9/28 at 8 pm. Bannam Place Theatre, 50B Bannam Place, btwn Union & Green, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 986-2701.

Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii by Allan Stratton. Comic contemporary farce, a classic romp of mistaken identity, sexual entendre & screwball characters. Spotted Owl production. Previews 9/10-11 at 8 pm; runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 9/12-10/18. Tix $8 previews, $15 Fri & Sat, $12 Thurs & Sun. $2 discount for stdnts & srs. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 398-1541.

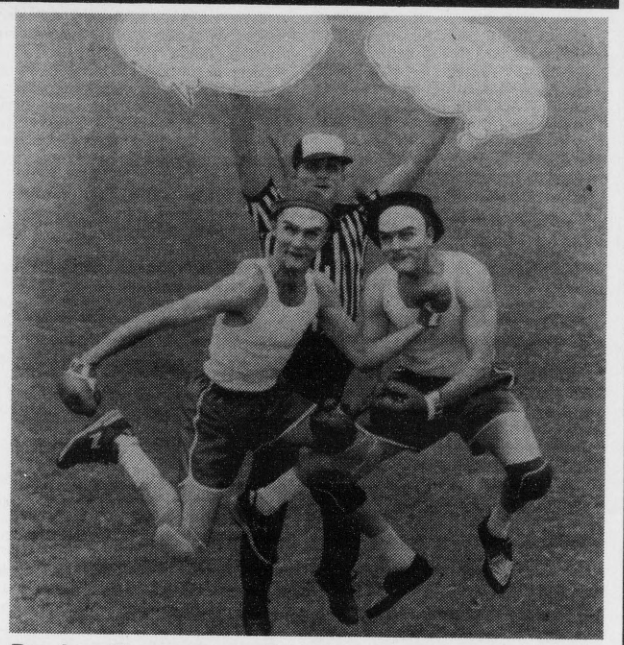
Traditional Japanese Kyogen theater performed by the award-winning Nomura Kyogen Theatre of Japan. 9/18 & 19 at Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $30, $24 & $14 gen'l, $28, $22 & $12 stndts & srs. Info/res: 392-4400.

The Yeomen of the Guard Gilbert & Sullivan's musical about true love & tender romance, performed by Lamplighters Musical Theatre. Opens 9/26, runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, thru 11/1. Tix $21. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.

Bent by Martin Sherman. Powerful drama of faith & defiance among homosexuals during the time of the Nazis. Theatre Rhino production. Previews 9/10 & 11, runs 9/12 thru 10/17 at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare. SF Shakespeare Festival performs the classic love story free, Sat & Sun thru 9/27 at Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park, SF. 1:30 pm. Info: 666-2221.

Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living, a site-specific lounge act written by & starring Justin Bond. Confessional, musical exploration of the psycho-sexual influences of working class women, white-trash family values & queer sexuality on the kinky, ultra-glamorous, gender-stylist Justin Bond. Runs Wed & Thurs thru Sept. 9:30 pm, $8. Athens By Night, 811 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 621-2152.



Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) presents their 2nd Annual Int'l Theatresports Tournament Sept. 17-26 at the Magic Theatre. See OnStage for info.

Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov, adapted by David Mamet from a literal translation by Vlada Chernomardik. Bittersweet romantic comedy of misdirected passion & missed connections. Encore Theatre Co production. Runs 9/10-13, 15, 18-20, 23-27 & 30; 10/1-4. 8 pm Tues-Sat, 7 pm Sun, 2 pm matinee on 9/19 & 26 & 10/3. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts/srs. Info/res: 567-6076. Ed Hastings Studio, 450 Geary St (btwn Mason & Taylor), SF.

F.O.B. by David Henry Hwang. Epic comedy about mythic Chinese warriors doing battle in the back of a local Chinese restaurant in Los Angeles. Asian American Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, 9/16-10/11 at Asian American Theater, 403 Arguello, SF. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600.

The Hoelderlin Project, a composition of poems & hymns by German poet Friedrich Hoelderlin (1770-1843), brought together in a dialogue between actors & dancers. A reflection on the similarity between Hoelderlin's time & today. Show runs 9/11-13, 18-20 at 8 pm at Next Stage Theater, 1668 Bush St, SF. Info/res: 759-5407.

BATS 2nd Annual Int'l Theatresports Tournament: Bay Area Theatresports present a tournament of theater comedy improv featuring, "the funniest theater never written." Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 9/17-26. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & sts.

Beat an original theater piece about the SF Beat Generation, featuring prose & poetry by Gregory Corso, Diane DiPrima, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Allen Ginsberg, Bob Kaufman, Jack Kerouac, Michael McClure & Gary Snyder. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/4. Tix $12 Thurs-Sat, $10 Sun. North Beach Rep Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, 3rd floor, SF. Info/res: 928-4860.

3rd Annual Solo Mio Festival of Solo Performance features work by 36 artists from across the United States & abroad, showcased at 9 theaters in SF: At **Life on the Water:** John Fleck performs *A Snowball's Chance in Hell*, his meditation on authentic expression; thru 9/13. John Kelly performs *Divine Promiscue (Music While Waging Victory)*, an exploration of notions of Art & Love; 9/16-10/4. Brenda Wong Aoki performs *The Queen's Garden*, the tale of her youth spent with street gangs in the Asian Pacific Islander communities of LA; 10/7-18. At **Climate Theatre:** Canyon Sam performs *Taxi Karma* and *The Dissident*, monologues arising from her experiences in Tibet, India & China; thru 9/13. Anne Seagrave & Oscar McLennan, monologists from Ireland, present their movement/narrative pieces, *Or Even What Leaving Was* and *A Mermaid's Lecture*; 9/17-27; *Notes on Noise* and *Notes on Time*; 9/19-27. Susan Van Allen presents her slice of Italian American life, *Jersey Girls*, 9/30-10/4. Keith Antar Mason in *My Living Condition: Two Niggas, Because No Nigga Came or Crossed the Atlantic by Himself*, a confrontational work on issues of race & gender; 10/8-18. Deke Weaver's *FreezeDrived* and *Time Bomb*, on environmental issues, plus his public serice parody of Jesse Helms, *Don't Be A Dick: A Message from the Honorable Senator*; 9/10-19. Chris Brophy's *Go to Hell: Ritualistic Shenanigans of the Modern Christian*, satirical social commentary; 9/24-10/3. Danielle Willis' *Breakfast in the Flesh District*, a guided tour thru chidhood obsessions. At **The Marsh:** Charlie Varon's *Honest Profits*, show about eccentricty, evolution & finding the Nixon within; 9/10-13. Deborah Lewis' *Loosely-Strung-Together*, a surrealistic tour thru evolution; 9/21-27. Lisa Kotin's *Temporary Girl*, a darkly comic look at office life; 9/28-10/4. At **Julia Morgan Theatre:** Deaf West Theatre Co's production of *Shirley Valentine*; 9/23-27. At **Teatro Mision:** Luis Alfaro's *Downtown*, a lyrical paean to growing up in the Pico-Union district of downtown LA; 9/24-27. For tix & other info on Solo Mio events (including full details on October performances) call the Solo Mio Information Line 776-9204.

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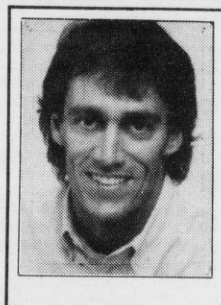

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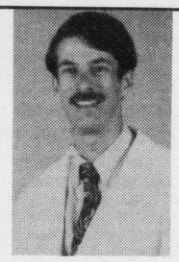

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

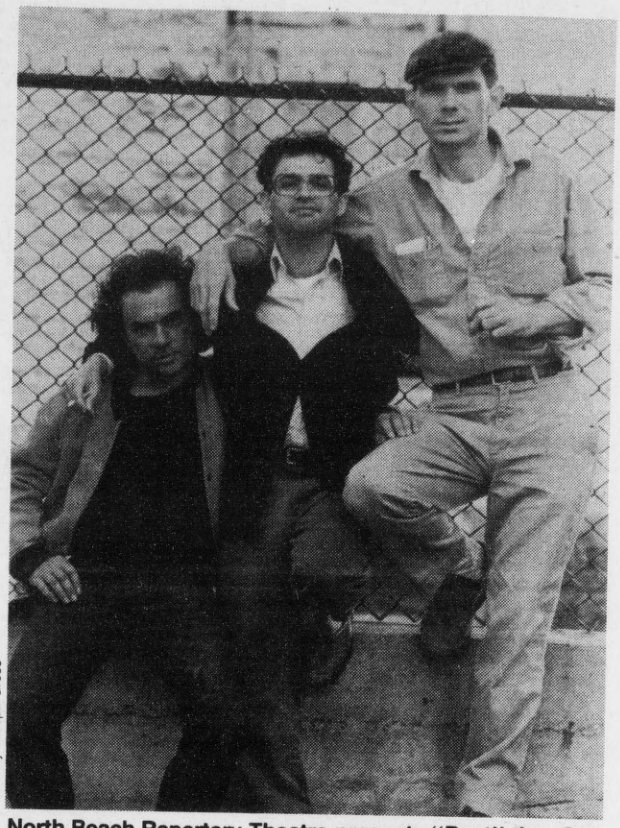
Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.



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North Beach Repertory Theatre presents "Beat" thru Oct. 4 at the Cannery; see OnStage for listing.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment

accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BI's Over 40: Support group for bisexual women & men, meets monthly. Info: Maggi Rubenstein 584-0172.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

BI-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

BI-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

BI-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

BI-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Seeking Butchness: *Taste of Latex* editor Lily Braindrop and *Girljock* editor Roxxie seek submissions to *Dagger*, an anthology dedicated to celebrating butch women. Butch-positive fiction, non-fiction, graphics & photos are welocme. You don't have to be butch to submit entries. Interested writers & photographers should send SASE to Dagger, PO Box 2587, Berkeley CA 94702. Deadline: 9/15.

Alternatives for Women With Cancer, volume 2 of the "Women, Cancer, Fear, Power" series, will be an anthology by women for women, with focus on alternative treatments & alternative communities. Political essays, informational articles & a few personal stories about alternatives that women with cancer & their women friends have found and/or created are welcome from women with cancer or women loving someone with cancer. Cancer survivors of al kinds are urged to submit articles. No poetry accepted. Send SASE to Third Side Press, WCFP Series, 2250 W. Farragut, Chicago, IL 60625-1802. Deadline: 10/15.

Frameline accepts applications for its 1992 Film/Video Completion Fund. The Fund aims to provide financial assistance to lesbian & gay film & videomakers in the last stages of production. Grants of up to $5000 are offered to artists working in any format or genre. For guidelines & other info contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF 94114. Deadline: 10/15. Awards announced on 12/15.

Intergenerational Relationships Between Lesbians: Lesbians who are or have been in a relationship with a woman 15 years younger or older than themselves are invited to submit personal narratives & photos for an anthology on intergenerational relationships between lesbians. Send SASE for guidelines to Pat Rutherford/Stacy Saetta, 3060 Porter St #31, Soquel, CA 95073. Deadline: 12/30.

Queer Propaganda: Submissions sought for exhibit of queer propaganda. Send SASE to Works/San Jose, 260 E. Jackson St, SJ 95112. Deadline: 12/1.

First African American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transsexual Conference, to be held 10/17-18 in SF, welcomes workshop proposals, for information call (415) 648-3658 or write the SF Conference Committee, 104-A Bennington St, SF 94110. Deadline: 9/25.

Anything That Moves: *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality*, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on spirituality. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24, SF 94115 for giudelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

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► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Game Night: Every Sat night, 6-10 pm at Pacific Cetner, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Scrabble, Boggle, Pictionary, Taboo, cards, etc. BYOG (Bring Your Own Game). Everyone welcome! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

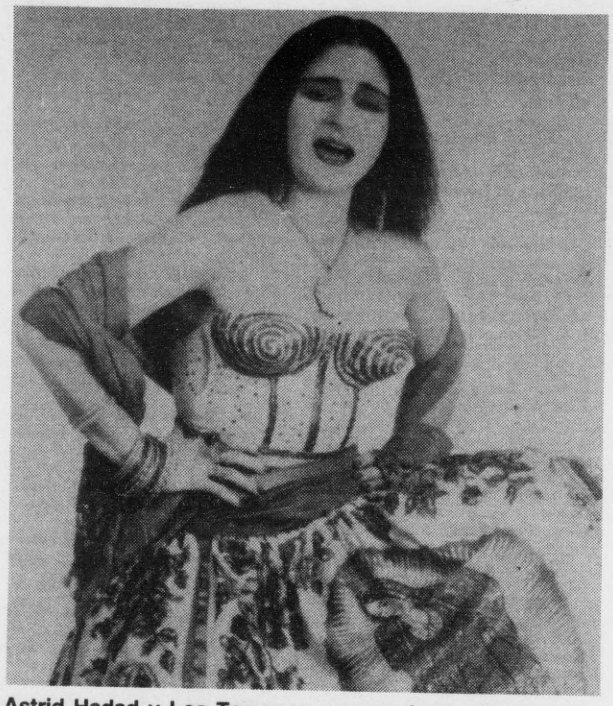
Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic. of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.
Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.
Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.
Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.
SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.
Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).
G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.
Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.



Astrid Hadad y Los Tarzanes appears in the Mexican Independence Day Celebration at Bimbo's 365 Club on Sept. 15. Calendar has details.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.
Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birth-mothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. Must be respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.
Nadiehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & committed to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) invites women to participate in art workshops & projects. Eat, drink & be creative. Call Pamela Barnes (510) 222-4552.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women Writers Group: All cultures & genres. New members welcome! Info: Debra (510) 261-8994 or Judy (415) 621-7709.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

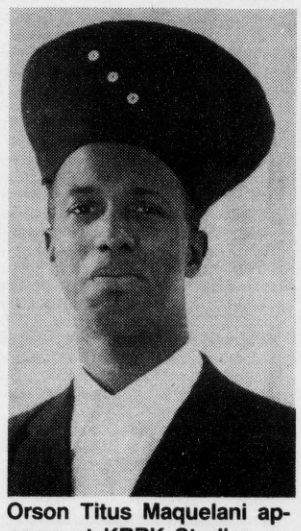
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College,



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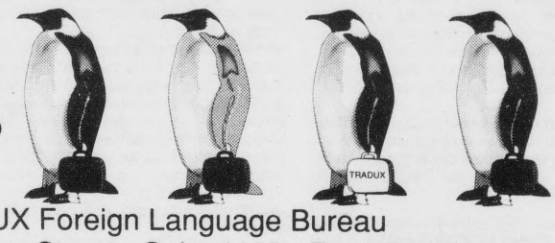

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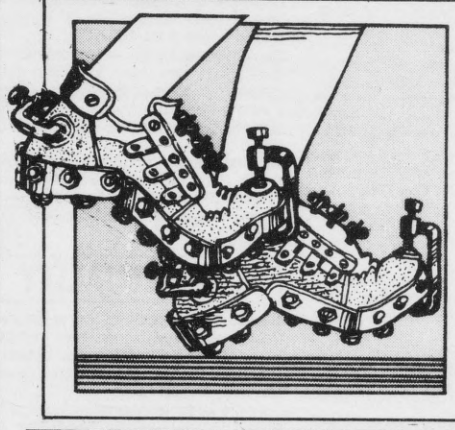

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FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

Eastbay Gay & Lesbian Commmittee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wed at 7:30 pm. For info/location call Mark (510) 428-2333 or Therese (510) 524-0540.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1236, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

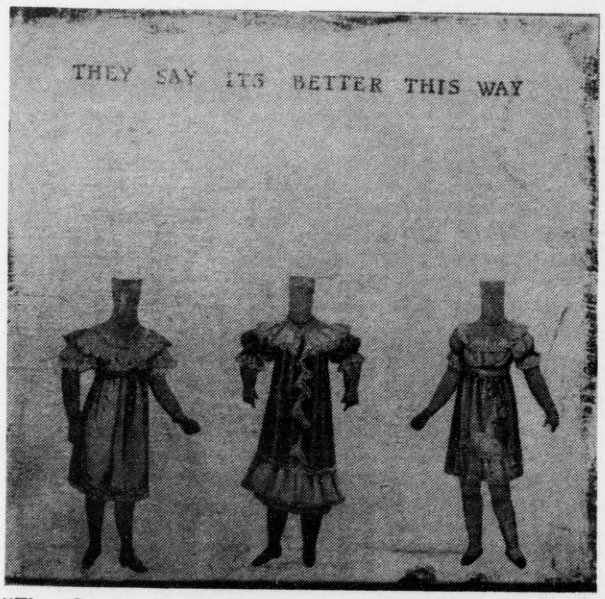
Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.



"They Say It's Better This Way," an art exhibit by Danielle Giudici at KBBK Studios. Check Galleries for info.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for gay/lesbian/bisexual twentysomethings. Discuss mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.

Lesbian Friday Night Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Nonsexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

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Unity Religious Science Center: An educational outreach ministry serving the lesbian & gay community. Classes & credentials offered for licensed practitioners & ordained ministers. Write 405 El Camino Real, Ste 330, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights,

psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

Astrology Playshop: From beginning to intermediate. Personal charts, current events & humor. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at 3 pm. Everyone welcome. Call David (510) 845-5034 or Chandra (510) 559-8355.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at 6 pm at Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino. For info call Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Swimming: SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Club invites swimmers of all ages, races, genders & abilities to enjoy the benefits of competitive and non-competitive swimming. Meets, lake swims, parties, int'l gay aquatic events, preps for the '94 Gay Games. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Call 467-4705 ext 4 for times, locations, & other info.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.

Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Support/social group. Discuss & share info about living with mild MS. Info/location: 626-2216.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.

Leaderless Support Group for Lesbians Over 40: Diverse, ongoing group welcomes new members. This is not a coming out or therapy group. Meets Mon eves, 7-9, in SF. Info: Barbara 552-9271 or Eugenia 431-6996.

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.

Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings

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Youth Rap Groups

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Young Women's Group
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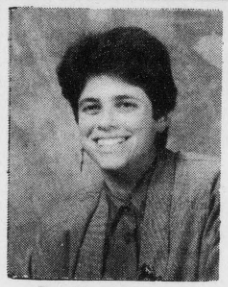

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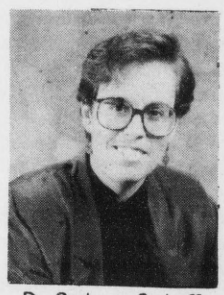

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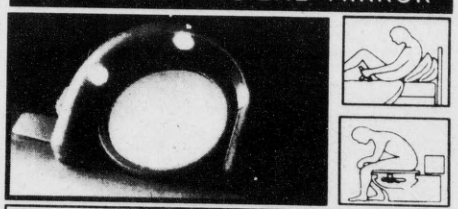

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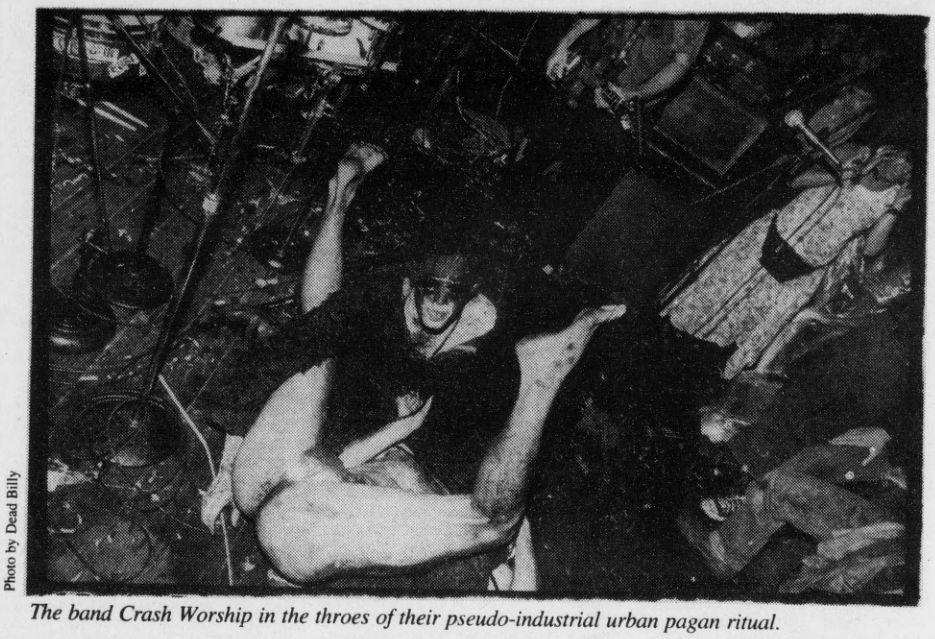

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The band Crash Worship in the throes of their pseudo-industrial urban pagan ritual.

There have been so many groovy things to write about lately that I'm just saying fuck it, let's make a list—kind of like Greil Marcus' Top 10 in *The Village Voice*—and cover things, step by step, in no special order. No seamless, celebrated transitions or segues—just the dirt.

Here's all my favorite topical dirt and tea-time chatter, ten steps toward being informed. First, admit you read the intro....

1. ROSEBUD DENOVO

I first read of this recently slain Berkeley activist about a year ago. When she was arrested at a demo, plans and blueprints for bombmaking were confiscated from her. The story about her in the *Examiner* included the shocking details of her rebellious childhood and a poem she wrote in junior high. Her work was dripping with hatred for humanity and a frighteningly bleak existential view of life's worthlessness that suggested pathological origins. Of course I loved her and she went up on the fridge immediately.

When I heard of Rosebud's death, shot by a police officer in the home of some UC Berkeley administrator after breaking in and wielding a machete, it really cracked me up. She wanted to die. The subsequent demonstration against the shooting was even funnier. The flyers calling for this demo boasted, "Certainly there are many ways they could have subdued her had they wished—she didn't even have a gun." No, it was a machete and she was insane.

I spotted some posters pasted up in an alley South of Market with two images of Rosebud and the words "Denovo Deranged Dead" emblazoned across them. That sort of sums it all up. I just hope with all my heart that I see buttloads of Rosebud Denovos this Halloween on Castro Street. And for your information, queens, someone who saw her frequently in a Berkeley coffeehouse told me she's much more blonde than her photos make her appear.

2. MORRISSEY IS COMING

It was just announced that Morrissey will play the Concord Pavilion on Oct. 15. By the time you read this the tickets will probably be sold out and another date will have been added. It's true, he's immensely popular now with young, sensitive, ready-to-be-sexually-awakened teenage boys bearing armloads of gladioluses for their idol. He also just appeared on "The Tonight Show," causing quite a stir in the audience and leaving the hosts dumbfounded that someone they'd never heard of before could create such a ruckus. His latest LP, *Your Arsenal*, is probably his finest work to date, presenting his majesty in finer vocal form than ever and ending up on three final cuts that are sure to bring tears of joy to any seasoned Morrissey fan. He is god-like. Don't miss his show.

3. CRASH WORSHIP AT URANUS

Thank god there are figures in clubland with enough guts to present something completely different for a change. This is what Michael and Lewis of Uranus did when they inflicted the mystery (to me, anyway) that is Crash Worship on a crowd that, for the most part, anticipated the normal disco fantasyland. Not only was it different, it was dangerous.

Crash Worship is a group, reportedly from San Diego, that specializes in pseudo-industrial percussive instrumentation, influenced by African and Jamaican rhythms—scary ceremonial stuff. They had a fairly large following present, plus an equal number of folks who didn't even know they would be there.

Their entry was magnificent. The dance floor went quiet, then the drumming started as the group marched in—some painted completely black, some dressed as animals, some carrying real-live torches, some scantily clad in loincloth get-ups, some undulating as shaved-headed sex demons—all dancing in a pulsating mass of ritualistic, pagan danger. With the patio crowd outside, what ensued was an odd orgy of out-of-body, urban pagans—shaved, pierced and plundering—mixed with a smattering of guys patting out the fires that had started on their girlfriends' sweaters, all monitored by guys armed with fire extinguishers.

Trees almost caught fire. People willingly let their flesh burn (for advanced, white, urban pagans only). Dancing moved from frenetic to sedate, with writhing piles of almost naked bodies lying on top of each other. The sense of danger sweetened the atmosphere to the point of inspiring sheer gluttony in myself and others. I stood and soaked it up happily, thinking: When was the last time a nightclub provided danger for its patrons?

The whole scene was arguably silly: White urbans were emulating tribal behavior. But for me it was all about danger, which I like. Many thanks to Michael and Lewis for being crazy motherfuckers. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

4. COLOSSUS

Gus Bean recently relinquished his post and ownership of Colossus, the ever-consistent petri dish marked: "Control among the other dishes; replete with growing cultures."

Well, retaining the name, with its creative direction entrusted to Stuart Patterson—a man with business acumen, tremendous graphic abilities, enthusiasm *and* an imagination—Colossus is now a club just aching to be redefined and moving in that direction. I love the new doormen, D'arcy of Enrique and the inimitable Peter Stack, my fave bitch booze-hound and oft-times life of dull parties. Another plus is the basement becoming a regularly featured portion of the club. I see endless possibilities for its use, from cabaret to cocksucking, not just as a clothes check for Underworld night. It's time for chaos to meet control.

5. UNLEASH THE QUEEN

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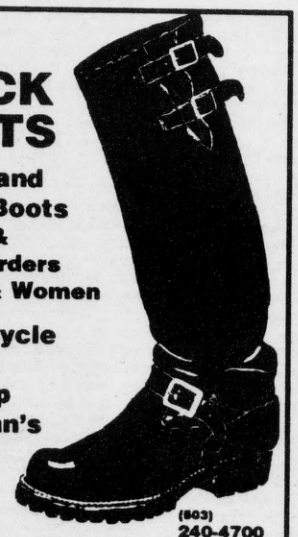

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(with free admission). Packed to the rafters, hot and sweaty, it was conducive to a lot of fun ideas for the future. I mostly appreciated the music, a subtle departure from the cold machinations of the typical rave sounds, to a more human and soulful quality that I can best describe as music with much more butt to it. Also featured is the Slut Nation room, where guys can walk in the dark, grope a dick and exclaim, "Kitten, it *is* you," and watch the room empty, leaving the sound of one of Bob Smith's hands clapping. I doctored up one of the Raving Homosexual stickers they handed out that night, making it read Raping Homosexual. After all, what is America's biggest fear?

6. QUOTE OF THE WEEK

From the lips of Jade Semi-Precious, outside of Fusion last Thursday: "Drug Logic Rocks!"

7. *DIXIE MCCALL'S PATTERNS FOR LIVING* STARRING JUSTIN BOND

At long last one of SF's favorite leading ladies, Justin Bond, is starring in her own one-woman show. Dubbed a white trash lounge act, brought to you by Iceberg Productions and the ever-dedicated, all-encompassing personal manager, Troy Eblen, this show takes place in the decorative international cheese-tray splendor of Athens by Night at 811 Valencia on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 9-24. Musical accompaniment for Miss Bond will be provided by Ken Melman on piano. This show is a Don't Miss, because Justin Bond never fails to play her guts out, live.

8. TORPEDO

Sept. 12 marks the opening night of a new club run by DJ extraordinaire Sam Labelle. Torpedo is located in the old Sailor's Hall at 375 1st Street at Harrison and will run every Saturday from 10 pm till 6 am. I truly adore this current trend of nightclubs willing to forge their way into the wee hours of the morning—especially in a multi-room complex that used to have a lot of sailors meeting in it. I've also heard talk of some alternative music lounges possibly popping up in Torpedo in the future. It's a new club. But, even better, it's an entirely new space, a rarity in clubland. I know I'll be there. And if you get there before 11 pm, admission is free.

9. THE PROBLEM WITH "PUSSY"

It seems that one of our most dynamic, exciting local performers to spring up in this town in years, Pussy Tourette, is experiencing a major problem. As a serious writer, arranger, composer, choreographer, vocalist and artist, Pussy has been taking her next step in careerdom by approaching record labels and whatnot. She's got a good head on her shoulders and goes about things the right way, only to have doors slammed in her face for one reason and one reason only—the word "Pussy." Can you believe it? Oh, the humanity! If she changed her name to Kitty I bet she could be a country/western star. What the fuck. I mean, the group Hole got a million-dollar contract with Geffen and a character called Pussy Galore paraded through a James Bond flick years ago. Well, here's to one true star who will not compromise her art *or* Pussy, ever.

10. BOMB

Much more on this local act can be expected in my future columns. At this point I just want to say that their debut LP on Reprise Records is due out in stores real soon and it totally rips shit. Also, don't miss their first show in town in a long while on Sept. 19 at the Kennel Club. Buy tickets ahead, it might sell out.

Finally, the flagrant braggart in me just has to say that I received my advance cassette of their new release with two pairs of possibly soiled underwear included, not to mention the nifty Polaroids. Thanks, guys!

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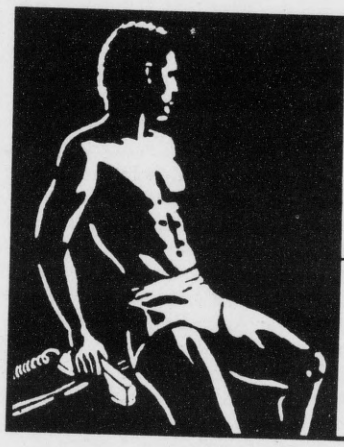

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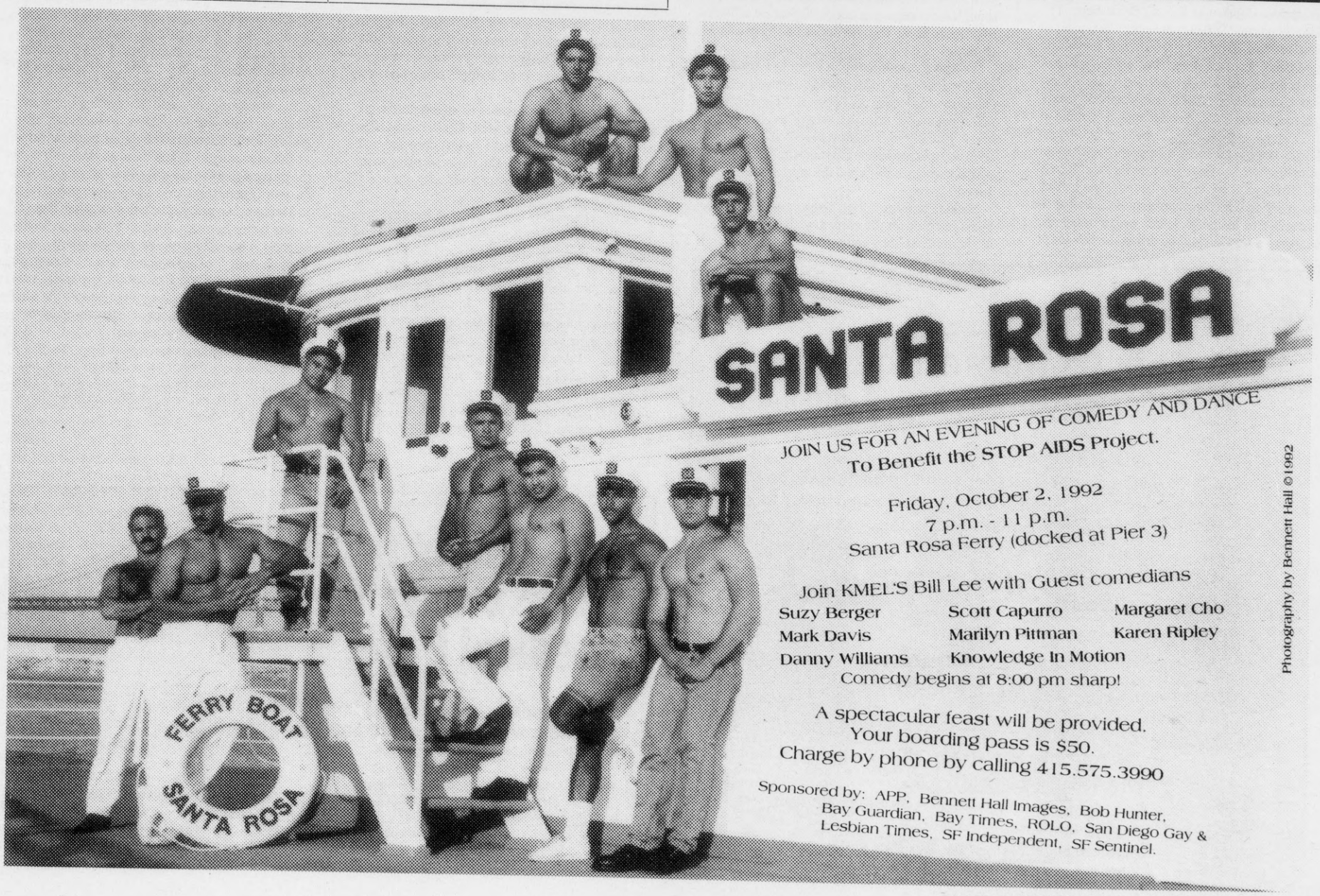

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Purple Moon Dance Project Debuts: "Overlapping Clothes"

by Val C. Phoenix

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(l-r) Soyinka Rahim and Jill Togawa of Purple Moon Dance Project, a women's dance company with a queer sensibility.

A group of dancers stands in formation. Two by two, the figures move toward each other. They tentatively touch, freeze and move on. Two dancers embrace, dipping and spinning. The dance is about seeking human affection, a universal theme. The difference? All of the dancers are women, and their dance is unabashedly lesbian.

This is the Purple Moon Dance Project, the creation of SF-based dancer and choreographer Jill Togawa, who says she hopes to inspire more lesbians to appreciate dance. Togawa created Purple Moon as a multiracial company devoted to performing works from a lesbian-of-color perspective, and the company will premiere her *Overlapping Clothes* at Footwork on Sept. 11.

Says Togawa, "I feel there really is a need in seeing lesbian dance. Lesbians are becoming more visible in other areas, but are invisible as dance is perceived as an art and also to each other. I want to create work that is important and meaningful to me as a lesbian and also as a woman of color."

These hopes are echoed by the five other women in the company. Dancer Patricia Reedy says, "Many of my lesbian friends don't think about going to dance performances. It seems so inaccessible to lesbians. I feel we're doing the community a service just by doing it—this is for you, us, our community."

Gishela Guillen explains, "In the past, dance [served as a] real ritual for society. Now it's seen as entertainment. People think they're going to see meaningless images. Hopefully, what we're doing will be seen as meaningful."

Togawa has been dancing and choreographing in the Bay Area for the last ten years. Her training is in modern dance, with a strong foundation in ballet. Originally from Hawaii and of Japanese descent, she says her work is also influenced by her Asian heritage. Since 1984, she's worked with Unbound Spirit/Asian American Dance Collective as a dancer and choreographer.

Yet in all that time, she has met very few dancers who were lesbians of color. "In my eight years at the Asian American Dance Collective, I've worked with one Asian lesbian," she notes, though the company is about 90 percent women. Feeling isolated, Togawa decided to form a dance company that would meet her needs.

"When I was thinking of starting a company, my thought was to do things I haven't had a chance to do," explains Togawa. "The first thing was I wanted to do work where we can be lesbians. Equally important was I've always worked in companies where I've been in the minority. It affects relationships and the work that gets produced."

Seeking to redress that, Togawa sought out lesbians of color for the company. Her search took her to dance studios and through numerous leads provided by friends and associates. "When I started, I did not know any other lesbian-of-color dancers," she says. The roster she ended up with consists of one African American, two Asians (including herself), one Latina and two white women.

"I really wanted to be working with other Asian lesbian dancers. Unfortunately, I was not able to find any this time," she says, noting that the other Asian woman in the company is straight. "I found out that it was equally important to me to be working with other Asian women."

Watching the dancers rehearse, one notices the lack of uniformity in the company. Rather than presenting homogeneity as the ideal, the women perform non-synchronized movements and move independently of each other.

They don't look like clones either. In addition to being multiracial, the company's dancers run the gamut in height and weight. Dancer Soyinka Rahim says, "It sends a message to the community the story can't just be told by anorexic straight dancers—we come in all shapes, sizes, and colors."

The freedom to be themselves affects their work outside the company, as well. Guillen says, "In classes this semester, I feel a lot less obsessed with my body and how I look. I'm really focusing more on the movements. I feel relaxed a lot about external things."

Of the company's work, Togawa feels the biggest difference is in how the women are called upon to relate to each other in performance. "They've all had experiences dancing with women, but it's always been very androgynous or a platonic kind of feel." In calling upon the women to interact as lesbians, she hopes to influence their way of moving and interacting as dancers. "I don't even know that it will be visible," she says. Reedy, for one, sees the difference. "When you do this stuff with men, you rely 100 percent on your acting ability."

Overlapping Clothes is a series of short pieces exploring intimacy between women. The title refers to lovers sleeping together and is taken from a Japanese poem. Given the theme, the dancers must work closely together. Togawa feels the work explodes the gender-defined roles common to dance, though the scenes are not necessarily explictly lesbian.

The pieces include "Bathing," which Togawa describes as women being intimate with themselves. "It's not blatantly sexually intimate, but the ritual of women grooming and bathing to me has lots of suggestion," she says.

Togawa found working on "Triangles," which is about a love triangle, to be educational. "People started telling me that triangular relationships seem to be more common among lesbians. I didn't know that. It's something I've experienced, and it's interesting to me as an image. I'd be talking to all my lesbian friends about it, and they were kind of rolling their eyes. They had an immediate response toward it. I didn't start out wanting to work on the piece *because* I thought it was specific to lesbians, but now it does seem unique—it seems apropos."

Performing these pieces, Togawa says, allows the dancers to feel more free, a sentiment they echo. Guillen says dancing with Purple Moon means "I can be more myself and let go in expression." Creighton says, "It's really different having the lesbian side called on to be expressed." Reedy adds, "It's great to have my lover pick me up from rehearsal and not have it be a big deal."

Yet, there are challenges to dancing in a lesbian company. Says Togawa, "It's common to be gay among men dancers—it's assumed, anyway—but not so much among women." Rahim says the most difficult thing for her is "coming out on paper with your picture and your name. I'm, like, still processing that."

Dancer Nancy Ng has the opposite experience. "I'm straight. It's been a good experience for me. In partnering work I'm not used to relating what it's like to be a lesbian. I have to do what you usually have to do," she says, nodding to her colleagues. As for the triangle dance, she admits "that had to be explained to me." Ng feels comfortable in the company. "I feel everyone is a lot warmer than in most companies."

In coming together and performing the work, Togawa feels Purple Moon is breaking new ground for the dancers and dance itself. "Some of the movement I asked them to do is very intimate, and they're bringing their whole selves to the work for the first time. I hope even going back to a straight company, that will strengthen them."

She hopes to make a lasting impression on the women who come to see the company, too. Togawa says, "At the Asian-American company, one of the things we feel we do is present role models in a way—to give Asian people the idea that it is possible to dance. I hope this will also happen in this case for lesbians."

Overlapping Clothes *premieres on Sept. 11 at Footwork Studio on 22nd St. near Mission, with additional performances Sept. 12, 18, and 19 at 8:30 pm. Tickets are $10. For reservations and information, call (415) 824-5044.*

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Good Girls Gone Bad

TORI AMOS
Palace of Fine Arts, Sept. 2

Watching Amos pounding away at the keys of her grand piano put me in mind of the connection between women, music and sex. While naughty sex kittens are a dime a dozen in popular music, it's still rare to see women claiming their sexuality and not answering to anybody for it. Tori Amos gives it a go on *Little Earthquakes*, though not without some guilt. In the album notes, she explains that her songs reflect different parts of herself. "I have so much in my closet to clean. For all these years, I felt like different people at a dinner party. When you've got the virgin and the whore sitting next to each other, they're likely to judge each other harshly..." Definite grist for the analyst's couch.

While I can't say I found her concert to be a particularly *fun* experience, I can say it was an eye-opener. Amos is a chameleon, a bundle of contradictions: North Carolina-born, she speaks in a thick New York accent and sings in a voice that variously echoes Sinead O'Connor, Kate Bush and Madonna. The disparities are reconciled by Amos' awareness that she has scars she's trying to heal. Her challenging brand of piano-based music overflows with metaphors and stream-of-consciousness lyrics.

Sometimes, it's a bit much to take, a reality which is amplified by Amos' performing style. Hunched over her piano, half-facing the audience and with her legs splayed out or bunched up under her, she seemed to be going in three directions at once, turning piano-playing into performance art. I found it a hard task to sit still while watching her contort herself.

The songs aren't easy either. Amos is the daughter of a minister, and it shows. As she confided to us, "I went to church twice on Sundays. It makes you a bit repressed. We're working on that." She said she wrote "Silent All These Years" as a response to her mother, and the line "I got the anti-Christ in the kitchen yellin' at me again" earned some chuckles.

Sex is one area where Amos has broken out. In songs like "Happy Phantom" she spits in the eye of convention, and she has a gift for pithy lyrics that cut through her dilemmas. In "Leather," she sings, "I can scream as loud as your last one, but I can't claim innocence." In "Precious Things" she addresses religion *and* sex: "I wanna smash the faces of those beautiful boys, those Christian boys. So you can make me come. That doesn't make you Jesus."

"Me and a Gun" brought me up short when I heard it on the record and roused me from a daze when she performed it live. The monologue of a woman being raped, it proves a harrowing listen. Amos sings in a calm, almost deadpan style—the sound of someone who has shut down to cope. Two songs she performed that were not on the record were covers of "Whole Lotta Love" and "Smells Like Teen Spirit." Amos explained hearing Robert Plant's voice awakened her adolescent sexuality. As for "Teen Spirit," I don't know why she's chosen it, but I love what she's done with it—another example of encroaching on unabashedly male territory. It's been released on a three-song single.

MELISSA ETHERIDGE
Warfield Theater, Sept. 3

"Janis lives!" I thought, midway through Melissa's show. It's not such a far-fetched idea, taking into account all the components of the Joplin legend: namely, sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll. In addition to partaking of all three, Melissa has covered "Piece of My Heart" and once told a crowd of admiring dykes, "I never met the lady, but I wish I had." Yet, the woman on display here was the new kinder, gentler, cosmetically improved version, and I feared she'd lost her dykely edge. Not to worry, though. She still gives good show. I decided Melissa's politics are pretty murky, but if it's entertainment you want, entertained you shall be.

The show started off with Etheridge's breakthrough single, "Similar Features," from her self-titled 1988 debut. After that, it was a string of familiar songs ("Chrome-Plated Heart," "Bring Me Some Water," "Brave and Crazy"), plus material from the recent *Never Enough*, which is what prompted her visit to our fair town. Etheridge has never achieved the kind of broad-based mainstream success she so clearly craves, and I have my reservations about her attempts to "beautify" herself—losing twenty pounds, dyeing her hair blond and globbing on the makeup. Here, though, she looked healthy, relaxed and comfortably settled into cult icon status.

By the looks of it, the crowd at the Warfield was reacting to her as something of a sex symbol. I was dumbfounded by the number of het couples making out to her music. Beyond my initial reaction of "Blech" (or at least, "Don't stand in front of me blocking my view with your tongue contortions"), I wondered at her appeal to these cleancut yupsters. It's not every day you see a woman as aggressively sexual and in control as Melissa working the stage. Knowing she's a dyke makes it appealing to me. But for these people? Clearly clueless, I figured. Then I noticed that just as many straight girls as dykes were cheering her on. "Aaah! I *love* her," gushed the woman next to me, turning to kiss her boyfriend. What gives? Either it was bisexual night at the Warfield or Melissa's become a straight girl's wet dream. I just don't know. Boys: Hide your girlfriends when Melissa's in town.

The singer was clearly enjoying the attention coming her way, alternately hamming it up with some rock 'n' roll posturing or staring out into the crowd with an off-center gaze, which, it must be said, did provide a view of her luminous brown eyes. It was also brought to my attention that under Melissa's lengthy blond tresses, she was sporting a large labyris in her right ear. And her nails were short.

Music-wise, I have to say she was cooking. Each song was an extended jam session with the band right up until the last encore, performed solo on piano. She's definitely in her element live, though some touches worked better than others. When she grabbed her guitarist's instrument from behind, I was reminded of that scene in *Personal Best* in which Mariel Hemingway fulfills her fantasy of peeing standing up. Same technique, you see.

Etheridge's songs tend to sound better in concert. Lines like "I believe we can fly on the wings we create," which sound hopelessly trite on record, come across as sweet and earnest when performed live. What else would you expect from this transplant from Leavenworth, Kan.? Coming to SF, she said, was "a big thrill for a small-town girl like me."

Aw, shucks, but lest you count her out as being corrupted by her stay in big, bad ol' L.A., Melissa tipped us off as to her real feelings. "Who am I voting for? Let's see, I'm a woman..." Long, uncomfortable pause. "Well, there you have it." Wasn't there something missing in that list? Like oh, I don't know, LESBIAN? Or at least Lawrence Welk fan? Perhaps sensing she'd lost a few of us there, she added, "We'll talk about family values later. I'll show you my family values." Oh, honey, I've heard half of Long Beach has seen your family values. Mixed messages? I should say so.

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Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Best known for her short stories, Bay Area writer Jess Wells has just published a first novel called *AfterShocks*, and it's a winner. It's about people in trouble in the midst of and immediately following a fictional earthquake.

Journalists and broadcasters are fond of telling us how natural disasters inevitably bring out the best and worst in human nature. Wells rips into that cliche like a stray dog demolishing a box of corn flakes. In crises, Wells' characters revert into their raw selves, neither better nor worse, but just exactly as who and what they are in their moments of intensity. She follows her characters through their stories, which are cut and pasted together with editorial finesse to create a convincing picture of a lesbian network of friends and lovers scrambling through the wreckage of San Francisco in the wake of the Big One.

What's most interesting about *AfterShocks* are Wells' probing insights into the psychosexual and emotional landscapes of the lesbian relationships she's portraying. The book reads as contemporary (not Gothic) hard-edged romance. The main characters have been "out" for a long time, and their lives are complicated, enriched and burdened by the concept of family both in a gay community context and in a dysfunctional biological family context. One of the main characters, Tracy (a.k.a. Trout), grew up with a certifiably insane father, and she developed remarkable abilities as an emotional caregiver despite being a control freak. The other protagonist, Patricia, who was brought up by an alcoholic single mom, was saddled with motherhood at a young age. Her daughter, Beth, had become a particularly difficult punky teen.

Beth becomes quite the thorn in the side of her mother Patricia and her mother's lover, Trout. The relationship between Trout and Patricia forms the centerpiece of the novel, a centerpiece, which like a broken vase, must be carefully pieced together after a harrowing fall from grace.

Cross purposes are brought to test the strengths and weaknesses of the once so solid relationship that had seen much easier days. Time, which seems to speed up or slowly become unrecognizably disjointed during crises, makes turning points out of the most basic decisions like where to live, when to commit, how much to trust, when to give in, when to jump ship. Trout and Patricia face the fears of their individual lifetimes, at precisely the same point that their relationship as a couple is on the verge of suddenly dying.

Thrown in for good measure are other equally interesting situations brought up by characters such as Cherice, Lynn, Louise, Henry, etc. Cherice is a confused lesbian with a shattered heart. She spends the novel with a disenfranchised straight Jewish guy, Jacob, trapped in an elevator between floors in the Financial District. Their developing relationship is an unusual one and brings a strangely honest sexual dynamic to play. At one point Cherice puts Jacob on the line by posing the facetious, Sphinx-like question to him: "Why do we know conclusively that God is not a woman?... Because if God were a woman, men's dicks would be on their chins."

Wells explores a number of lesbian attitudes, and she shows us different types of women—although a majority of them seem to work in the Financial District—feeling overworked, closeted and drained of their personalities. In addition, there are working-class characters like Patricia, always struggling financially, and Louise, the older butch owner of the lesbian bar "Sabito's" on 17th St. in the Mission District, who spent the key moments of the quake slumped over drunk behind the bar counter.

Wells captures characters' personality traits and quirks with great acumen. For instance, Patricia's amusing habit of speaking in headlines, i.e., "History Shortens Four-Decade Life to Single Shrug of Shoulders." The narration continues, drawing the parallel: "Same way a relationship goes from right in front of your eyes, to a few stories that soon get old." And this peculiar habit of headlining her thoughts when under stress is something which Patricia directly picked up from her mother Meredith, like some kind of genetic tic. Meredith's final words to Patricia as Patricia boarded the bus for San Francisco ran as: "Letters Bring Great Solace to Families."

AfterShocks isn't a perfect novel; the writing is a bit uneven, sometimes with lyricism that jams right up against flat exposition without transition. But *AfterShocks* does have that rewarding quality of being intelligently written, insightful, entertaining, and it's a righteous take on lesbiana by the Bay. Wells makes us consistently aware of those built-in political injustices which face lesbians as everyday realities, only to be heightened during catastrophes.

The climactic scene in the novel takes place in a bursting-at-the-seams hospital corridor, where a lesbian is barred from comforting her lover who is in a coma. "There wasn't going to be another Sharon Kowalski here, not one woman helpless in the hospital and another helpless to get to her," writes Wells as she sends her character on a mad quest to find the Power of Attorney papers buried in a safe beneath tons of rubble.

AfterShocks makes for some timely fall reading as we rapidly approach our earthquake milestone. Incidentally, the author says that the novel was in progress for a couple of years before the Loma Prieta quake hit. Certainly makes you hope she's not currently working on a novel about the apocalypse.

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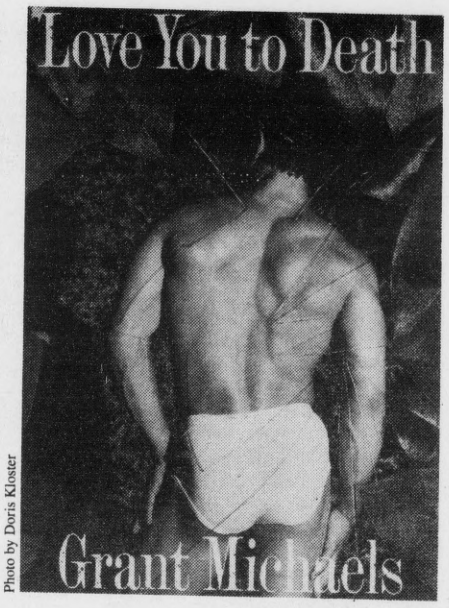
Love You to Death

by Grant Michaels
St. Martin's Press, 1992; $18.95

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly



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Perhaps the only genre that makes death not only palatable but downright delicious is the murder mystery. And in these days of friends and loved ones passing away, perhaps there's some hearty medicine in this cozy genre. Deaths are avenged. Goodness triumphs. Order once again reigns.

Local novelist Grant Michaels has concocted a mouth-watering repast with *Love You to Death* (the tasty sequel to *A Body to Dye For*), involving a poisoned truffle and intrigue at the Gladys Gardner Chocolate Company. Thus continue the adventures and unexpected exploits of the courageous Stan Kraychik—hairdresser by trade and pitbull by nature—and Nicole, his best friend and sophisticated confidante.

Interacting with these two lovable characters is a mixed assortment of good and bad guys, including hotter-than-hot Italian cop, fag-hating fundamentalist hag, yuppie businesswoman, randy truckdriver who "delivers," precocious four-year-old boy, etc., etc. But the star is truly the ever-optimistic, tenacious, hairdresser-with-the-heart-of-gold, who offers this enticing look at the world:

> Personally, one of my pleasures is enjoying absurd situations—situations like hearing your mother's voice on the answering machine while you're having tantric sex with the UPS man on the living room rug....

While Stan and Nicole attend a society gathering at a high-class chocolate company, a young man is poisoned by a cyanide-laden truffle. All fingers point at Kraychik's friend, Laurette. Positive that she's innocent, Kraychik gets her a lawyer, takes responsibility for her four-year-old and starts investigating. Missing work and demanding countless favors, the intrepid hairdresser conducts a city- and suburb-wide search for killer and clues, and becomes estranged from Nicole. But a promise is a promise....

Novelist Grant Michaels writes with a strong appreciation of personal support systems. Be it family or extended family, what are the boundaries of friendship? When is enough truly enough? We should all be so lucky to have a buddy as supportive as Kraychik. Good will and honor are his intense passions. All for the benefit of a fairly casual friend, he goes through hell and high water as well as danger, offensive confrontations and loss of income, privacy and time.

Previously hailing from Boston himself, Grant Michaels features the city in the first two installments of what promises to be a long series of delightful gay mysteries. An ever-obliging tour guide, Michaels' descriptive powers provide his readers with scenic trips not only to his former home, but also its cushier suburbs, including the estate on the cliffs at Abigail-by-the-Sea:

> The house lights were on, and all seemed quiet and peaceful. Had he killed her already? I moved stealthily around to the back of the house, to the dramatic expanse of sea, sky and land. The heavens were clear and dense with stars—a sight rarely seen in the city—and the moon's blue light cast sparkles on the ocean water. How could cold-blooded murders happen in a setting like this?

Michaels packs his solid mystery with delicious extras, including contemporary gay issues (set in the '90s, these include the traumas of gay parenting and homophobia), an ongoing social commentary on bigotry, the class struggle, yuppie-phobia and the possible perils facing career women, as well as a killer sense of humor. His wry command of language cleverly twists cliches to create custom-made witticisms. Oh, and speaking of extras, he's also penned a wonderfully sexy scene:

> He touches my shoulder. His hand is warm and strong, not the way I imagined a killer's hand to be. I'm certain he'll be an expert too, marred only by the tendency to kill his partners afterwards. Then a strange thing happens within me, occurs simultaneously as I realize this naked man in my bed could end my life....

Poison, bullets and unsavory baddies versus friendship, tenacity and hunky good guys. All in all, a delectable treat for mystery fans.

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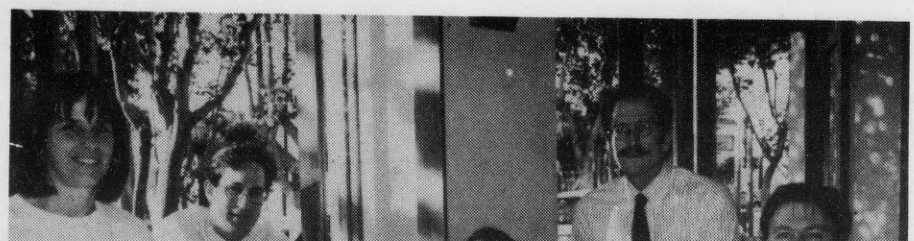

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Gelato was first. Next came wood-fired pizzas. And fresh pastas and polenta. Our affair with authentic, regional Italian ingredients and flavors begun several years ago is flourishing, happily with no end in sight. A current example of this trend, Ristorante Ecco ("here it is") stands humbly, a handsome, bustling trattoria turning out excellent versions of classic preparations. Open since March of this year, Ecco is the collaboration of four partners, each bringing his or her expertise to an area of management: Bob Voorhees (co-owner of South Park Cafe) buys the mostly Italian wines, Kathleen Hagen (another owner of SPC) manages the business in general, Saul Gropman oversees the front-of-the-house and Susan Walters concentrates on the menu. Walters, a former caterer, cooking instructor and author of three cookbooks, has spent time in Italy, gathering techniques and flavor combinations. She explains that Ecco presents regional cuisine as Italians are doing today, employing fresh ingredients joined simply and graced with lots of flavor.

Ecco sprawls across two high-ceilinged dining rooms. Both are quite noisy, alive ambiances filled with white clothed tables set against ochre walls. The front room's high wooden French doors look onto South Park, an urban playground of grass bordered by autos. The other room houses a wooden, most welcoming bar. The waitstaff here is sharply attired in black pants, silver or black vests and floppy white dress shirts, adding a touch of formality to the otherwise casual service.

We began our meal with slices of crusty Italian bread (Acme's Italian batard baked in rounds) and soft sweet butter. An archetypal **Antipasto al'Ecco** ($8.50), heavy on eye appeal and taste, includes prosciutto-wrapped greens, bocconcini (bite-sized balls of fresh mozzarella), marinated baby root vegetables and red onions, grilled eggplant and squashes, and lentil salad, with crostini of crisp baguette drizzled with olive oil adding crunch. This is a gorgeous plate of colors and shapes, highlighted with a smattering of chopped Italian parsley around the rim. **Insalata d'acciuge** ($7) consisted of whole romaine leaves tossed in a robust, tart dressing of lemon and anchovy—fresh and satisfying. A generous portion of **Carpaccio di salmone** ($8.50) arrived dotted with pink peppercorns and olive oil, accompanied by crostini and creamy mascarpone. This was a real delight, delicate and sweet. The **Zuppa del giorno** ($4) happened to be a hearty Tuscan white

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bean, partially pureed and crowned with a toasted piece of bread spread with tomato sauce.

For the most part, entrees are as refreshing and appealing as the trademark antipasto. **Linguine al'Ecco** ($8.50) sounded more interesting on the menu than it tasted, with pears, pecans, gorgonzola, mint and Parmigiano-Reggiano just not adding up to a complete taste. Better was the **Perciatelli alla carbonara** ($9.50), where long, skinny pasta tubes met pancetta, egg yolk, garlic, butter, pepper and cheese. And better still was the **Coniglio alla cacciatora** ($14.50), a brilliantly flavored braised rabbit in a sauce of pear tomatoes, mushrooms and pancetta, served atop creamy polenta. A pile of sauteed kale and the polenta picked up the aromatic stewing juices. A fish stew (**Cacciuco,** $15.50) would have benefited from more seafood, but what incredible flavor the mussels, scallops, swordfish and prawns gained from the gorgeously seasoned tomato sauce! And how well the drizzling of pungent aioli paired with the stew and the sprinkling of fennel and mustard seeds.

Outside of Harry's Bar in Venice, it's not often you'll find a true **Bellini**, a concoction of fresh, crushed white peaches in champagne, but the ones here are tops. Another terrific fruit dessert is the **Fragole con aceto balsamico** ($4.25), fresh strawberries tossed in balsamic and black pepper, a classic combination accented with a perfect cornmeal cookie. **Crostata di frutta** ($4.75) found blueberries and figs ensconced in a dense, mellow filling on a sweet, crumbly crust. Dusted with powdered sugar and set atop a pool of lemon and berry sauces, this is the quintessential Italian dessert. Forget quintessential and move on to the sublime **Budino al cioccolato** ($5), a heavenly soft pudding-slash-cake screaming chocolate. Made of the finest (Valrhona) bittersweet chocolate, it's to die for, with a spoonful of cream melting down the sides as the dessert rapidly vanishes.

Ristorante Ecco has some very strong points: It's a very attractive locale, and for a moderate amount of money you can feel like you've spent a lot. The food is that good, and the atmosphere is that sophisticated. But service is friendly and down-home, almost. With bright spots such as these, I expect our Italian phase to last at least a while longer.

Around Town

If you work anywhere near Oak and Gough, you must try **Eliza's Hunan and Mandarin** (at 205 Oak), where a terrific lunch special can be had for $3.95 to $4.50. The special includes soup (usually Hot and Sour, and a good one at that) and your choice of 21 entrees, from Kung Pao Chicken to Beef with Black Bean Sauce to Eggplant with Spicy Sauce. Each comes on a big mound of rice and will satisfy your cravings for spice, with friendly service and a big pot of jasmine tea thrown in at no extra charge. I really like Eliza's—the place itself is bright, with pinks and plants and lots of windows; it's no wonder there's often a short line at lunch hour.

The search for the best burrito continues: **Azteca Taqueria** (235 Church at Market) is definitely in the running, with their very special Azteca Burrito winning raves for its flavorful stuffing of rice, beans and meat (grilled or stewed chicken, beef, pork or tofu), wrapped in a whole-wheat tortilla and topped with melted cheese, enchilada sauce, sour cream, guac and fresh salsa. This $4.15 burrito feels like a complete meal, somehow more than the foil-wrapped ones we see from most burrito joints. And we like that chips come with it. The ordering line, which you can expect almost always, at least moves quickly.

Khuri's Deli Cafe (Octavia at Union) in Cow Hollow, a cozy kitchen emanating some terrific spicy smells, makes a fabulous falafel sandwich. Khuri's falafel are deep-fried balls of spiced, mashed garbanzos presented in a pita pocket with shredded lettuce, sliced tomato and diced cucumber, covered with a lemony sesame dressing (tahini). At $3.89, the falafel sandwich should be standard lunch fare for Union St. employees.

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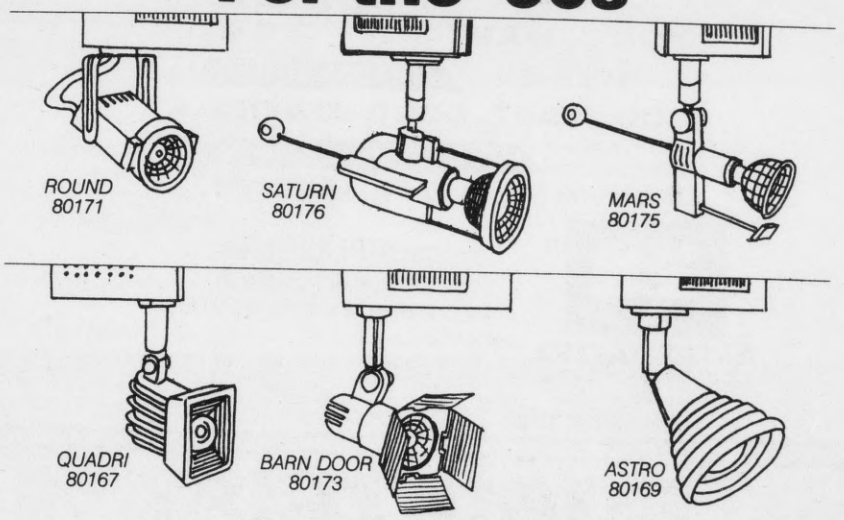

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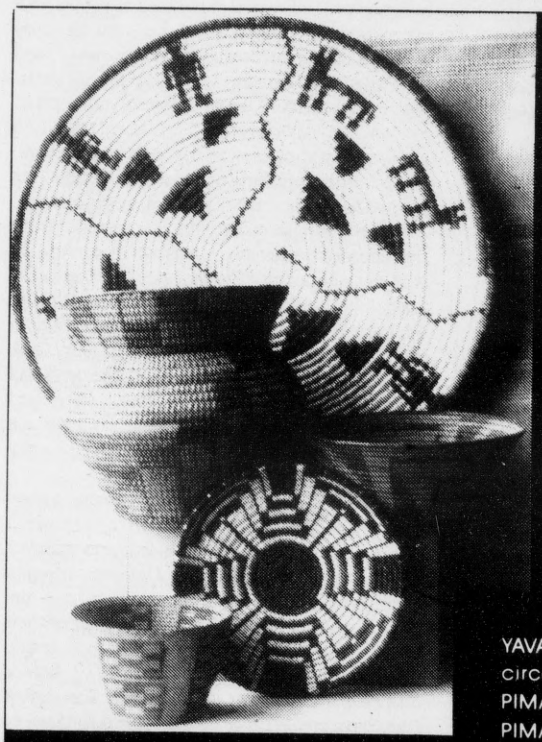

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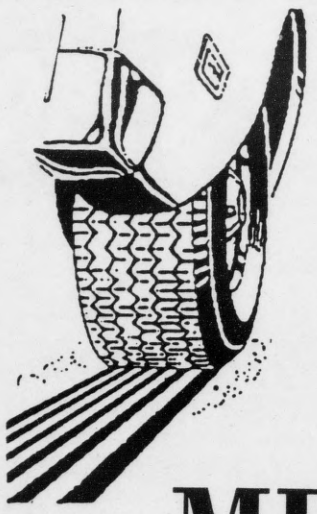

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Conversations With the Producer & Director of *Swoon*

by Randy Turoff

In 1924, two college students, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, murdered a young boy in cold blood. Leopold and Loeb were upper-middle-class Jewish homosexuals. During the infamous court trial it was argued that the men committed murder driven by their compulsive pathological homosexuality. Thus, the first equation of homosexuality with criminal insanity. The fact that Leopold and Loeb were gay and that they were guilty of the murder is irrefutable. The claim that their gayness, their Jewishness or their "cultural elitism" were the psychological causes of their criminal activity is the point at which filmmaker Tom Kalin breaks into the text and explodes every bigoted social convention of the time.

Swoon is a sophisticated, clever and beautifully produced deconstruction of the Leopold-Loeb case, which goes directly for the jugular. Kalin uses actual historical testimony from the court trial, and also media footage and headlines, along with the cinematically dramatized blow-by-blows of the crime and the protagonists' subsequent jail stay. The hysteria surrounding and permeating the trial is deftly captured on screen and is treated like a time bomb which has reached its final moment, shattering forever any idealized notion of unbiased justice under law.

The film, directed and written by Tom Kalin, and produced by Christine Vachon (who also produced Todd Haynes' provocative film *Poison*), is certainly the most controversial film to have emerged from this year's crop of queer cinema. In fact, the film has already been shaking the hive from Berlin to New York to Sundance, and the buzzword is "homo-cidal."

I spoke with Christine Vachon and Tom Kalin when they were in San Francisco for the screening of the film at the 16th Annual International Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. Sitting on the patio behind the Phoenix Motel in the Tenderloin, with bird calls being piped through miniature speakers planted in the landscape, we had our "trialogue," if you will, touching on subjects including dominance/submission, identity politics, cultural elitism, pornography, racism and filmmaking.

Since her collaboration with Todd Haynes on *Poison*, I'd been wondering if Christine was a straight woman who was predominantly into producing gay male films, or if she was also interested in the female side of the gay community and would be open to producing lesbian films. I wondered whether she might be a lesbian herself. On the record, Vachon says she feels comfortable identifying herself as queer. But, like Kalin, she gets touchy around the notion of any limitations presumed by sexual identification. She says she's interested in producing films which are provocative. She didn't sit down one day with an agenda to start producing films by gay men which deal with messy issues. *Poison* came from a long collaborative relationship she had with Todd, and Tom knew Todd from Gran Fury, an AIDS organization. She liked Tom's original idea and felt she could share a vision with him.

The next question, equally blunt, was directed toward both of them. Vachon answered first. I asked if he would make or she would consider producing a film like *Swoon* about Jeffrey Dahmer's psychosexual life of crime. *Swoon* is, after all, a rather graphic and matter-of-fact account of a young boy's murder. With impeccably stylized film noir cinematography, the boy is shown being lured into a car, mercilessly suffocated, bludgeoned to death and buried on the side of the road.

Vachon was disturbed by my question. She said she finds the supposed connection between Dahmer and Leopold-Loeb to be gratuitous and totally reductive. Both cases involved gay men murdering young boys, but the equation doesn't stand up. For her, the Leopold-Loeb incident resonated as a key court case around issues of race, class, and religion, and it located the hysteria around homosexuality. Unlike earlier versions of the case which were fictionalized and made into films—*Compulsion* and Hitchcock's *Rope*—*Swoon* takes the implicit homosexuality, as well as the racism and classism, and explicitly makes it the focus.

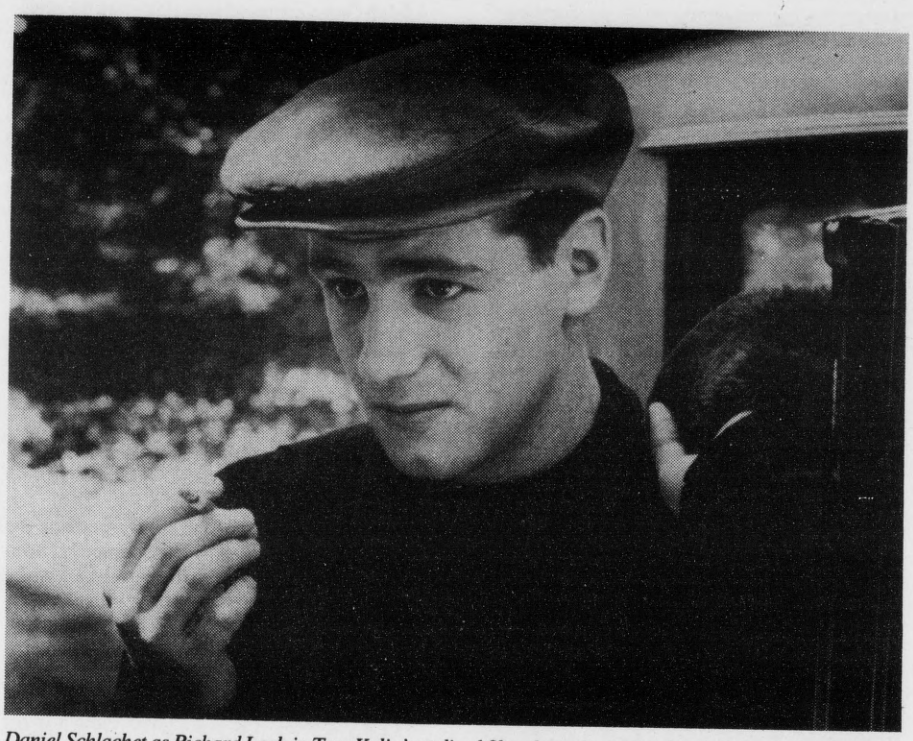
Kalin explained that his choice to exhume the Leopold-Loeb case and to make a film based on it had much to do with the idea of redressing transparent Hollywood depictions of psychokillers as outsiders. Hollywood, he went on, consistently uses heterosexuality as the norm, and anything outside of the normative family structure is suspected of being inherently abnormal. *Swoon*, he says, refuses to leave the two characters and refuses to make them outsiders. They are the primary normative structure. He wanted to tell the story from their point of view.

When Kalin pored over the raw material from the recorded transcripts, it was so vibrant for him that it was shocking. For instance, the media actually fabricated a report that claimed that Richard died in jail, murdered by a "big Negro" whom he had supposedly propositioned. In fact, Dick was murdered by a white inmate. "The press and the public went wild around this case," interjected Vachon, "and what could be more resonant as a projected image of the hysteria than that of a gay sexualized Black man."

"For me," Kalin went on, "the case has a good spin. It was the first case in the 20th century which was based on a defense that male homosexuality is inherently pathological. Defense attorney Clarence Darrow won by arguing that the homosexuality of his clients was evidence of their insanity. They were spared the gallows. For me, that was the reason I got into it in 1989, before *Silence of the Lambs* or *Basic Instinct*. These other films have created an artificial context for *Swoon*. My work is based on a naturalized homosexual space.

"I find it terribly offensive to read in *Vanity Fair*, for instance, that [Eileen Wournos], the lesbian serial killer who was sentenced to the death chamber, was given the tag-line, 'the real-live dark version of *Thelma and Louise*.' I find it offensive that *People* magazine called Jeffrey Dahmer an example of *Silence of the Lambs* come true. Images don't have that kind of power. I wish they did. I wish we could recruit audiences into being queer by showing them a movie about being queer. I wish you could get HIV prevention to work just by showing them an image of a clean needle or condom."

Kalin does make his point clear in *Swoon*.



Daniel Schlachet as Richard Loeb in Tom Kalin's stylized film about the famous Leopold/Loeb murder case.

Homosexuality or outsider-ness doesn't cause murder, of course. Most murders are committed by heterosexuals in family situations. Kalin doesn't objectify or allow his characters to become outsiders for his audience. In fact, *Swoon* doesn't proffer any reasons for Richard and Nathan's heinous acts. The film does, however, delve into theories expounded by the "experts" of the time, experts trained in Jew- and gay-baiting through the "sciences" of phrenology (brain and facial structure) and reductive psychoanalysis.

The model Kalin uses to explore the criminality is an examination of the psychosexual behavior patterns structuring the relationship between the two men. The relationship dynamics between Nathan and Richard frame their criminal activities. Kalin looks at the model of dominance/submission in their relationship, and we become aware of the shifting of erotic energy in terms of the power dynamics. The roles taken on by the two men are moody and changeable. At the beginning of the film, after the direct quotation from *Venus in Furs* ("Your dog-like nature that adores being kicked"), the two characters both exchange the same promise to each other: "I'll do what you want."

By the time they commit the murder, we've been privy to all sorts of sexual power games, as well as S/M fantasies, where, for example, Nathan fantasizes about being the Pharaoh unto Richard and making him his whipping-boy slave, even though they both were Jewish. Indeed, according to Kalin, Nathan had many more fantasies which were actually transcribed in the psychiatric records and which didn't make it into the film. Apparently, he had an elaborate fascination and identification with mythologies of Christianity and Catholicism, which acted as belief systems supporting the repudiation of his own Judaism. As for the power dynamics in the relationship, Kalin goes beyond the merely sexual equation of who does what to whom and who receives pleasure.

About the power dynamics which inform the relationship, Kalin explains, "It's not simple. Nathan Leopold was not the cunning wily Jew who seduced poor innocent Richard Loeb. Richard was the one who actually struck the child. In the 1920s it was figured that Nathan was the mastermind and Richard was the one who was innocent and manipulated to go along. But there wasn't a stable relationship of top/bottom with them. I've shown it as a constantly changing dynamic which is a complete repudiation of heterosexual role-functioning. In fact, mostly it was Nathan who helped Richard in his criminal activities in exchange for sexual favors."

Still, whatever the dynamics were which facilitated the pair in committing cold-blooded murder, certain questions kept coming up for me which I believe are at the heart of the matter. Why make movies which perpetuate images and icons of homosexuals committing murders, when it reinforces negative cultural stereotypes as seen through "their" eyes or through our own internalized phobias about being stigmatized as aberrant outsiders?

Vachon believes that in order to have heroes, we need to have villains as well. Secondly, she maintains that representation is very complicated. "You can't take something which you see as a positive representation and assume that it will change the way people think about 'homosexuals.' "

Kalin flatly refused "to speak in terms of positive and negative, because they presume an audience and they presume a sense of community. I mean, do you think *Longtime Companion* is a positive representation of our community? Well, tell that to a group of IV-using men who live in the Bronx and who are HIV-positive and can't get primary health care.

"You have to embrace stereotypes in order to explode them," Kalin said. "You have to move into the sight of the most repressed and forbidden image in order to turn it around. For me, at least, that's a basic part of the process. *Swoon* is not the only sordid movie I'll ever make in my life. We should be able to speak from a radical space as easily as we're able to speak from an assimilationist model."

So how does *Swoon* turn forbidden images around? Kalin hopes to spotlight the historical connections between pathology and homosexuality. He said that in this film he was trying to disentangle the different motivations of the persons involved, without a single audience in mind, hoping that many different kinds of viewers would be able to extract some meaning form it. It's used as a model of obsessive love instead of pathological homosexuality.

Swoon also raises questions about how history was recorded. Why were women asked to leave the courtroom? What does it mean that they cast a Black woman in the role of the court stenographer, which is a historical impossibility? Kalin pointed out that *Swoon*'s agenda is "not just about queer issues. I don't entirely embrace identity politics. I think it's important to define a queer community for political purposes, to mobilize, but I also think in so doing that I can't erase out the other aspects of my identity. I think whiteness is my identity too. By not talking about it we naturalize that space too."

"My heart goes out to the kid who stands up in the audience and says: 'I'm sick of seeing these images of myself and my people played this way. I need to see images that are more positive,' " said Vachon. "Sure, that would be great, but there have to be all kinds of images. There must be an allowance for all kinds of images."

Swoon opens at the Castro Theatre on Sept. 25.

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By Gene Price

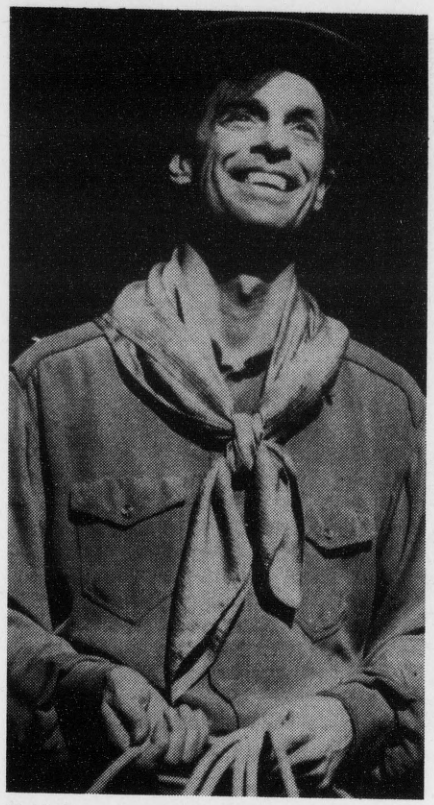
The Will Rogers Follies

There are two stars of *The Will Rogers Follies:* handsome Keith Carradine, whose warmth and mile-wide smile could charm the pasties off a chorus girl, and Tommy Tune, who is not personally on display, but whose directorial and choreographic genius is evident throughout.

Other blessings include Tony Walton's set, a wide set of stairs from which 16 long-stemmed American Beauties descend, pose and display charms barely concealed by Willa Kim's extravagant concoctions of feathers, beads and shimmering, jewel-toned fabrics. No ordinary set of stairs, these glow and seem to ripple with ever-changing neon colors and the pastel washes of Jules Fisher's lighting.

The skimpy plot, delineated by musical and comic sketches, is the chaps-to-riches story of cowboy rope-twirler Will Rogers. Oklahoma-born and part Cherokee, Rogers was a superstar before there were superstars. He was the common-sense voice of the common man. A self-effacing humorist, he confided that he only knew what he read in the newspapers and then he proceeded to puncture the pompous with his wry commentary. Star of Broadway, radio and movies, a newspaper columnist and friend of presidents, he was probably as close to a national icon as the country will ever see. He was invited to speak at both the Republican and Democratic national conventions. In 1935 he crashed and died on a flight to Alaska with his friend, Wiley Post. Flags went to half-mast throughout the country. Congress observed a minute of silence.

This *Follies* begins with eight of Tommy Tune's new Ziegfeld Girls flouncing on as cowgirls, followed by four Will Rogers Wranglers as cowboys (none of whom seem to be wearing much under their chaps), and eight more women as spotted and horned heifers. They sing "Will-a-Mania" and "Give a Man Enough Rope," and the scene is set: Indian Territory, the late 19th century.



Keith Carradine in "The Will Rogers Follies" at the Golden Gate Theatre.

Ignoring his father (George Riddle as a cantankerous old coot), who wants him to stay on the ranch, and his girlfriend, Betty Blake (Dee Hoty), who wants to marry him, young Will takes off for South America. He returns a couple of years later, woos and weds Betty, and fathers four boys while scraping out a living as a fancy roper on the vaudeville circuit. Then Flo Ziegfeld's telegram arrives, offering him $600 a week to do a few rope tricks and chat up the audience while the chorus girls change.

The preceding plot line is revealed, as in all musicals, through music, lyrics and a bit of dialogue. Cy Coleman's music, while serviceable, is not one of his more memorable efforts. The lyrics by Broadway greats Betty Comden and Adolph Green are bland to boring, with the possible exception of "Look Around," Will's one good song on a theme of ecological responsibility.

Other numbers with such generic titles as "So Long, Pa," "My Unknown Someone," "We're Heading for a Wedding," "The Big Time" and "My Big Mistake," are uninspired at best. Dee Hoty's fine voice is put to the test with two of them and fares little better with her big second act torch number, "No Man Left for Me."

On the other hand, Tune creates a razzmatazz romp out of "Favorite Son." With 16 straw-hatted, red-white-and-blue-bedecked chorus girls seated around Will, Tune's fast-faced "patty-cake" choreography of slapping hands, knees, thighs and hats is a show stopper. A second audience favorite, a visual knockout, featured a galaxy of beautiful costumes—jewel-encrusted whimsies of rubies, emeralds, diamonds, sapphires and pearls—modeled by the Ziegfeld dancers.

The gentle humor of the show—perhaps too gentle—is best revealed by an exchange between Betty Blake and Rogers. Asked how he knew she was a singer, Rogers drawls, "In a Ziegfeld show, any girl who is dressed is a singer." In her recurring bit as the preening, vamping emcee, the stunning Leigh Zimmerman (billed as Ziegfeld's favorite) was a delightful distraction.

Lest you think it is just a girlie show and not a traditional revue, we must report that the house was brought down by Thomas Garcilazo's spectacular lariat twirling and the Amazing Mongrels, a passel of large and small shaggy dogs that meandered through hoops and barrels at their own speed.

The Will Rogers Follies is a splendid, old-fashioned, lovely-to-look-at valentine to the mindless extravaganzas of pre-Depression Broadway. And in the humanitarian tradition of Will Rogers, the cast of *The Will Rogers Follies* has raised more than $75,000 for Broadway Cares and Equity Fights AIDS. The show continues at the Golden Gate Theatre where it has been extended through Oct. 3. Call (510) 762-BASS.

Cole!

Cole!, the San Jose Repertory's tribute to the music of Cole Porter, is breaking all records—and deservedly so—at the Marines Memorial. It not only has the look of a sleek, glamorous, sophisticated Broadway revue, it delivers the goods with panache to spare.

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Devised by Alan Strachman and Benny Green, with musical arrangements by William Roy, this *Cole!* is directed and choregraphed by Bick Goss. The design team includes Christine Dougherty, costumes; Derek Duarte, lighting; and Kent Dorsey, who created the black lacquered floating platforms topping a curved staircase that winds down to the revolving piano of musical director/dancer/singer Carl Danielsen.

Thanks to a multi-talented ensemble that never pushes for effect, the sixty-some Porter songs reveal the composer at his best. Contagiously vivacious, singer/dancer Cathy Susan Pyles is a knock-out comedienne on Porter's cautionary "Tale of the Oyster," and the wildly rhymed "The Physician." I'd always considered these two "Bea Lillie numbers" hopelessly outdated, but the bright-eyed Pyles makes them fresh again. She's also a superb dancer, meltingly romantic in "Begin the Beguine," and a spiffy tapper—with the irrepressible Danielsen—in "Let's Step Out."

Blond hunk Jim Newman combines the rare talents of singer and dancer, doing Errol Flynn-type acrobatics in the pirate movie spoof "Mack the Black," and as a wry Cary Grant-type who knows how to laugh at himself as he strips and dons a pair of silk pajamas in "I'm a Gigolo." He manages to wriggle out of his pants once again in "All of You."

Perky, pretty, sweet-voiced Mandy Munnel—the perfect ingenue—sings "Love for Sale," without the usual self-pitying histrionics, and turns the old cabaret cliche into an understated gem. Used mostly in ensemble numbers, Munnel brightens the corner wherever she is.

Baritone Joseph Lustig, another pillar of the ensemble, was vocally impressive on three big solos, "Where Is the Life That Late I Led?," "I Concentrate on You" and the sweet, reflective, "You Don't Know Paree."

Baomi Butts-Bhanji seemed oddly lackluster as an interpreter of Porter's lyrics. When she might have pulled out all the vocal stops on such ballads as "What Is This Thing Called Love?," "I've Got You Under My Skin" and "I Get a Kick Out of You," she settled for perfunctory interpretations. She couldn't quite get a handle on the world-weary ironies skimming the surface of "Down in the Depths."

Cole! is not the typical revue where one singer steps forward to warble while the others retire to their stools. It's an ensemble show, and director Goss and musical director Danielsen are masters at nudging our surprise registers with sly sight gags and a cockeyed glance at some of the composer's socially relevant lyrics.

The final big medley, eight numbers from *Kiss Me Kate,* gave the six performers a chance to "top out" and strut their stuff. A gorgeous six-part harmony arrangement of "Everytime I Say Goodbye," the crowning sentiment of Porter's career, closed the show.

Cole! plays four more weeks at the Marines Memorial Theatre and then, if a suitable venue can be located, will no doubt continue to spread musical good cheer for months to come. But why take a chance—call now: 771-6900.

Forgotten People: Four one-act plays by Tennessee Williams at Bannan Place Theatre. Above, the cast of "Lord Byron's Love Letter," (l-r) Jean Mullis, Lorraine Lewin, and Yumi Sumida.

Theater Notes

THE PAINS OF YOUTH

Ferdinand Bruckner's 1926 drama of angst and disillusionment set in a Berlin boarding house for medical students might well mirror the frustrations of America's disenfranchised youth today. Reminiscent in tone and similar in its cinematic technique to Pabst's 1928 movie, *Pandora's Box,* the playwright's script suffers from a didactic and repetitive translation by Daphne Moore.

Despite the lack of motivation or explanation for the pervading atmosphere of ennui, the actors manage to instill some emotional reality to their roles, notably Kate Perry and Wendi Holl as the bisexuals currently involved in a lesbian relationship, and Arthur Scappaticci as the amoral manipulator of the group. Directed by Doug Weibe, the play continues at the Somar Theatre through Sept. 12. Call 476-8333.

FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

Director Paul Finnocchiaro and Bannam Place Theatre manager Robert Hinish have put together a cast of seven fine actors performing a variety of roles in four early Tennessee Williams plays. While not prime Williams, the plays are telling examples of the author's compassion for the non-productive members of society, and they provide substance for some compelling performances.

In *Lord Byron's Love Letter,* an old woman (Loraine Lewin) is reduced to hawking a glimpse of Byron's letter as she fiercely relives the memory of their meeting. *The Strangest Kind of Romance* offers a brilliant performance from Joel Mullinex as a shell of a man who cannot hold a job and whose only satisfactory relationship is with a stray cat. Delia MacDougal is Bella, the lonely and available landlady who, unsuccessful in her seduction of the beaten-down tenant, tosses him out for a more responsive boxer (Chris Brophy). Joe Cole as Bella's alcoholic, semi-blind father-in-law revels in his last-ditch outrage at a society that has rejected him.

Hello From Bertha is a stark look at the final days of a slick, delirious whore (Yumi Sumida) who is about to be turned out of her working bed by the businesslike Madam (Jean Mullis). A compelling performance by Sumida rescues this brief drama from sentimentality. MacDougal, as another working tenant of the house, does more with her eyes than most actors can do with a page of dialogue.

In the slight piece, *The Unsatisfactory Supper,* Baby Doll (MacDougal) and Archie Lee (Brophy) conspire to rid themselves of Aunt Rose (Loraine Lewin), an aged, forgetful relative who has come to stay. Performed with some meandering accents, the character study is solved too poetically with the arrival of a "twister." But, early Williams is better than no Williams and there's some fine ensemble acting on display at the Bannam Place Theatre, through Sept. 20. Call 986-2701.

True West

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Real-life brothers Howard and Richard Meehan play sibling rivals Austin and Lee in Sam Shepard's "True West" thru Sept. 13 at the Phoenix Theatre.

Sam Shepard's hard-hitting script takes center stage in Doublemask Productions' mounting of *True West* at the Phoenix Theatre. Also commendable are the strong performances of the play's siblings, portrayed by Michael and Howard Meehan, real-life brothers.

Always operating on a multitude of levels, Shepard's plays are gritty and tough, dealing with dissolution and disillusion. *True West* pits analretentive family man against his slovenly, criminal brother. But opposites soon deteriorate, and as the beast takes over one, ambition conquers the other. Before our eyes, traditional (albeit strained) family ties are yanked to their limits, finally snapping. And these transitions provide the audience and actors one helluva bumpy ride.

Hard-working young writer Austin housesits for Mom and fends off a barrage of distractions from his lone-wolf, con man brother, Lee. One such distraction, a modern story of the "true west" that Lee seems compelled to tell, becomes an obsession. Ever compliant, Austin types up an outline and shows it to a producer, who actually likes the story, makes a lucrative offer to Lee, and thereby initiates the brothers' role reversals. Psyches rebel. By the time Mom returns, little remains of her cozy home.

The Meehan brothers rise to the challenge of this tough material. Firmly rooting their performances in reality, their intelligent portrayals make believable the hard-to-believe paths their characters must follow. Hopefully, San Francisco audiences will see much more of their work.

Nathaniel Roberts' direction focuses clearly on the actors' internal performances to great reward, but expends too little energy on their movements. The central characters' disconcerting psychological contortions are communicated clearly. But at times, the brothers merely seem to wander without motivation; at other times, they sit for long periods, creating visual stagnation.

The overall technical aspects fall flat. The set design consists of a wall and table, providing few obstacles for the actors and little visual interest for the audience. The lighting is too even, providing no discernible visual focus or ambience. And some evocative music could have helped fill in the several long blackouts between scenes.

Always a challenge to the audience, Shepard's work is well worth seeing, especially when performed by such talented actors as the Meehan brothers. But those looking for silly love stories or high-gloss productions should consider other fare.

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Does Silence = Pretty (?)

The *Golden Broom* has again alighted to sweep away free speech from the Castro. Their mission appears to be one of neighborhood sterilization, working to create *One Neat City*.

This group of local merchants, centered around the Castro Community Business Association, in cahoots with conservative neighborhood clean queens and the Castro beat officer, has taken it upon itself to cleanse away all information from area poles and public bulletin boards daily.

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By sweeping away all information without soliciting input from the community affected, the CCBA, a semi-public organization, has erred, making a momentous, flawed decision with widespread ramifications.

The Gay Rights movement has always been a grass-roots movement. Without big funding, homos do not have access to commercial means of information dispersal. Without street-based activism such as "tabling" at 18th and Castro, posting information on utility poles, and demonstrating our solidarity in our neighborhood, we are silenced.

These censors see themselves as providers of a public service, cleaning away the visual and human debris which they feel detracts from the neighborhood. By tearing down information, however, they are denying the community access to human rights and cultural information. Of all the communities in America, the Castro should set the pace as a censorship-conscious area.

The neighborhood bulletin board located on the Bank of Bigotry was removed months ago, and the only other posting site in the area, located across from the Midnight Sun, is small and inadequate. The association has promised that posting will be allowed on kiosks which *might* be erected by the end of the year. Generous? You bet.

CITIZEN'S ARREST?

On a recent evening, I trailed behind an older queen as he trudged up Castro, pausing at each pole, ceremoniously tearing down all posted information.

After watching him for half a block, his curious behavior riled my anger, and I confronted him on his actions. I suggested that his behavior might be seen as censorship, and asked why he felt he had the authority of info-cleansing.

He started to quote some obscure code or section from San Francisco City and County blah blah blah, when I interrupted, suggesting to him that perhaps his blanketing actions violated First Amendment rights to free speech.

He obviously viewed me as just another militant/tattoo'd/pierced ACT UP type, and continued to recite his clearly rehearsed infomercial.

Not that I would *ever* suggest this, mind you, but after talking to this queen, it came to mind that someone out there might consider making an example of one of these tidy freaks, and make a citizen's arrest for violation of First Amendment rights.

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Niteclubs provide one of the only forums in which we can come together and freely associate. Homocentric performances advertised on flyers posted in the neighborhood could never afford to advertise in the commercial media. Without flyers and handbills, Pomo Afro Homos, The Sick & Twisted Players, and Queer Nation might have never found their niche in our society.

By providing an alternative means for information dispersal we provide a voice for an alternative culture.

In the Haight, homeless people are employed by area merchants to clean sidewalks on each block daily, and to remove posters from poles weekly, providing two public services in one swoop. The CCBA should consider an equivalent solution.

The CCBA cannot create a zone bereft of all information without prior discussion. They must be pressed to create a community forum to discuss what they perceive as the problem, and encourage community input toward a solution.

Who is the CCBA to set policy on free speech? The wicked Golden Broom will be surrendered.

NOTES FROM CLUBLAND

Not all boycotts and strikes are worthy of support. In the present fashion of knee-jerk political correctness we have been trained to respond without listening. With the understanding I have from years of interaction with the club and its employees, the picket against the End-Up falls into this category.

The employees of the club, though annoyed by roller-coaster management practices and temperamental promoters, are content with their non-union status.

The strike serves as a soap box for one former employee, whom I consider a friend, but in this instance, who I also consider wrong. Unionizing is not at the heart of this situation, but rather personalities underlie the motivation. This is one line that can be crossed.

Justin Bond has opened his one-womon cabaret show, ***Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living***, at Athens by Night, describing the show as "a white-trash lounge act." The performance ties together songs and narrative about her life, a celebration of inbreeding. The show runs Sept. 9-24, and is located at 811 Valencia at 19th. Admission is $8; for additional info call 621-2152.

The Boys in the Band and appearances by local club and cafe celebrities will liven up Marc Huestis' benefit for his cockumentary, **Sex Is....**

Peppered with the faces of Lulu, Miss X, Philip R. Ford, Gerard Koskovich, Peggy Sue, Carpenteria, David "Bo" Bonetti, as well as my humble self, the show, emceed by Justin Bond, will feature the lyrical beauty of songstress Connie Champagne. The event is slated for Friday, Sept. 11, at the landmark Castro Theatre, and includes a pre-performance reception and film.

Of course you would never know about the benefit for the film from the posters which have been disappearing from neighborhood poles.

Smart shoppers should make sure to clip on down to the mega-ultra-uber sale, **7th on Sale**, an AIDS fundraiser to benefit "the Big Three." For status queens, Sept. 18 provides the Gala night preview among the designers and celebs, with tables going for $10,000, and individuals at $1,000. Thrifty star-fuckers might choose to opt for the $125 dessert from 10-12.

The fashions available range from couture to Gap Basics, with prices at wholesale or less. $500 wholesale gowns which did not move from the previous event in New York, and we're talking bead-o-rama, can sell for as little as $20, so this is one-stop Halloween shopping for the drag set, or a new golfing outfit for the Dinah Shore Classic.

Tickets for the five two-hour public buying sessions on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20, are $12, available through BASS, or at the Fashion Center (without the BASS fee, for the mega-thrifty).

The Love Garage, 174 King Street on Fridays, is also holding a benefit for 7th on Sale Sept. 18.

Unfortunately, I had to cast aside the pleas of the proprietors of 7th on Sale to put in a cameo at the gala, choosing instead to appear with the Del Rubio Triplettes and Pussy Tourette at Club Mix in Berkeley, Friday the 18th. Maybe next time if they ask me earlier, and offer me additional enticements.

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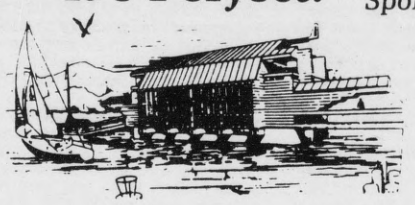

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McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network by, for & about female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.

Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon- Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Lesbian Youth: Ongoing rap/support group meets every Wed evening, 6-8 pm at the Brick Hut Cafe, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-6074.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

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Seeking one charming gay man/woman to share sunny Mission flat. One large quiet bedroom and small office available for $400 plus utilities. Close to pub trans with garage available to rent for $50. No smoking, no pets, please. Call 826-6651.

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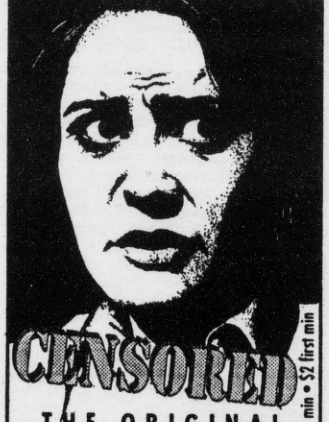

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I'm looking for friends & a lover, for positive & uplifting relationships. My interests are exercising at a health center, going to metaphysical centers & watching good quality television. I like dancing in my house to funny music & mood music. I have a silly sense of humor & my apartment decor says so. I'm not working now, so I spend my time pursuing these interests. Reply BT Box SP2A or call ★★9605.

Intimacy & Sex

New to relationships with women. Would like to meet for coffee and take you home with me. No strings attached, just good, honest loving. You're petite and in your late 20s or 30s. Call ★★9606.

Spice My Alphabet Soup

Me: A bright, cute dyke—educated, flirty, gregarious, hungry for hot safe sex, independent/intense/intellectual, jovial, knowledgeable, lascivious, memorable, naughty, outgoing/original, persevering/political, quirky/queer, ravishable rapscallion, sensual, try-anything tease and tramp, understanding, voluptuous, wanton/wild, x-uberant, yours?, zany & zestful. Shall we start by exchanging alphabets? You: 25-35, educated, intelligent, employed, tall/short, butch/femme, sense of humor, nonsmoking, enjoys the beach, vegetarian cooking, movies, words & cycling. Call ★★9607.

Creative Type

Active, pretty, funny, transplanted New Yorker wants to meet a grown-up (33-39), good-looking, smart girl with a good sense of humor. Object: happy and successful relationship. Reply BT Box SP3A or call ★★9608.

Do Not Pass Up This Opportunity

Live spontaneous, inquisitive, fun professional. A blonde, blue-eyed, feminine and sincere woman seeks honest, caring, 35-45 y.o., professional, therapeutically enlightened, romantic who believes in commitment, flowers & candlelight. A friendship first; romance may follow. Reply BT Box SP4A or call ★★9609.

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Passionate and/or knowledgeable companion wanted for midweek performances. Call ★★9610.

If You...

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Start Your Engines

East Bay, trim, sexy, 35 y.o., 5'10", femme, blonde bombshell seeks romance. You are attractive, dominant, physically fit and femme to soft butch. You are romantic, fun, sensitive and ready for a serious, monogamous relationship. Please have similar age and height, be emotionally and financially secure, NS, healthy, drug free and have nothing transmittable. Light drinking OK. Reply BT Box SP6A or call ★★9612.

Jewish & North Bay

I am 38, businesswoman, very stable, soft butch, sensitive, shy initially & fun-loving. I love travelling, theater, dancing, good music & movies. You are healthy emotionally & physically, caring, honest, stable & enjoy laughing, cuddling & sex. I have a kid inside me longing to play & act silly. My adult side wants a woman for long insightful talks & tender lovemaking. If you can relate to this, please call ★★9613.

Let's Emerge

Through an empowering partnership that honors our strong need for autonomy and individual growth, yet satisfies our basic desire for love, affirmation and commitment. I am a multifaceted, emotionally mature and attractive, petite woman in her 40s, with a literary/creative/psychological bent, a youthful appearance but wise soul, and am well-defined yet warm and sensitive. I like the give and take of lively conversation, appreciate the poetic in people and nature, work hard at my profession, and have diverse interests. Have done my therapeutic work and have had a full plate of life experience to know who I am and what I want. If any of this "resonates" and you (like me) are a healthy, non-abusing woman who believes that only actresses are suited for role-playing, I do look forward to receiving your letter (preferably), or your voice-mail message. Who knows, maybe we can emerge together. Reply BT Box SP7A or call ★★9614.

Let's Have Fun!

I'm a tall (5'8"), attractive, redheaded gal, 33, dynamic, in good shape, and working way too hard! I'm longing for a nonsmoking, fairly athletic, 5'5" or over female to share dancing, dining, romance, adventure, massage—all those wonderful non-work activities. Please be pleased with yourself, creative, a little butch, and a lot independent! Call ★★9615.

"Ready To Commit"

Woman, 40, petite, 5'2", butch center, make-up wearing, feminine-looking, wants femme center, 35-47, into working out, keeping fit, movies, quiet times, sometimes, kids, have one, seeing plays, beaches, art deco, etc. Be employed, have car. I'm very attractive—no lie—and you be the same. Please no taller than 5'5". No drugs or smoking; light drinking OK. Be a real person. Call ★★9616.

Wanted: Compatibility & Sparks

Cheerful, warm, intellectual, blonde writer, 40s, committed to social justice, likes hiking, feminist literature, backpacking, intense conversation, bicycling, x-country skiing, children, ethnic restaurants and time with friends, seeks affectionate, responsible, nonsmoking woman of integrity and wit who shares some of my interests, likes herself and likes her life (except that it lacks someone like me) for committed, loving, passionate, lasting relationship. Reply PO Box 460164, SF 94146 or call ★★9617.

"Change Only Comes From The Cracks In Between"

You cracked my 3 month milestone, and I still want you. You still make me wetter than Probe! I still fantasize tying you up, spread eagle, to two trees, to tease and torture you. Choke me, spank me, clamp and restrain me—yes, sir. I have no other intentions except to express how much I care for you. I'm back! Wishing you back too.—Yuppie, Jock, New Age Biker.

Au Secours!

Good friends, good job, good (warped) sense of humor. But good grief, I want more in life! I write, I think, I laugh, go to movies, explore the Mission & spend modest sums of money I don't have on Thai food and paperbacks. I just hit my mid-30s & want to have fun with a nice girl who's experimental, independent & not very earnest. And you? Call ★★9618.

Rainbow Sister

We met at the Colorado Rainbow Gathering, shared sister space and peace pole celebrations. We are both beautiful, affectionate sisters living in the Greater Bay Area, you in Inverness, me in Santa Cruz. Would love to reconnect with you out here, in any way that you desire. Write me. A Ho! Mitakuye Oyasin. Call ★★9619.

Witty Femmes

Read on! I am a smart, funny, quirky (dare I say "witty"?) butch dyke, 30, an East Bay resident. I love dykes, animals (especially cats & snakes), books, coffee, Science News, most kinds of music, sex, parks, long talks, more sex. You are witty, femme, independent, interesting and interested. We're both interested in a relationship if there is chemistry. Let's talk. Please, no smokers or bisexuals. Call ★★9620.

I Have A Life

It's a good life. Just that sometimes I want a mistress. Somebody with not a lot of time but a lot of passion. Be always drunken (O'Neill and I believe) be it on wine, women or poetry. So indulge yourself. I've been known to turn heads and we can be seen in public. Of course I'd prefer a goddess, but exotic or aesthetic will do. Call ★★9621.

Verbal Seduction

Let me seduce you with my mouth. Me: very attractive, dark thick hair with blue eyes, well schooled, street savvy. You: extremely sensual, well-groomed, horny, suburban sophisticate. Find pleasure in being seduced by my dirty mouth and engaging in fantasy play. Not members of any sexual movement, just have our own blend of romantic lust. Call ★★9622.

Innocent, Jaded and X-Rated

Fuck the patriarchy! Irreverent witch seeks wild dykes for sex. Please don't bore me. Absolutely no rebounds. Artists only. Be ageless and sizeless (crones, I need you), no drugs, alcohol or S/M. I am fanatically adventurous, but I can't read your mind so please call... Life is short. Nonmonogamy a must. Revolution starts in the bedroom! Call ★★9623.

In Search Of The Romantic

A difficult quest it seems—I'm done with the days of ephemeral romps in the hay, preferring hours of mental as well as physical foreplay. I: 31-yr-old, Jewish, professional, petite, androgynous, seeking out SF women who are not caught in some life quandary and are going gaily forward in whatever ambitions you hold. My enjoys: plays, cafes, traveling, racquetball. My necessities: sense of humor, slender build, knock-out intelligence and perhaps... you. Call ★★9624.

Athletic Partner Wanted

Feminine, 33 y.o., North Bay resident, looking for playmate for beach volleyball, cycling, water sports, rock 'n' roll concerts, sunsets, sex and more. Let's get together for some summer fun. Call ★★9625.

Chip Seeks Dale

You: East Bay, 28-35, nonsmoker, emotionally/physically available (i.e., you've let go of ex-lovers), not afraid of intimacy; value monogamy, commitment, honesty, communication; affectionate (and not afraid to show it); passionate about your hobbies; happy with yourself; emotionally/financially stable; know what you want; light drinking OK. Me: non-drinker, 29, monogamous, sensitive, easygoing, adventurous. Passions: CW line dancing, clogging, Disney, traveling, languages, folk dances, photography, hiking, nurturing friendships. Reply BT Box SP8A or call ★★9626.

Me: Hot Geek

You: perv freak. Don't hate me cuz I got good grades in high school. I think real hard, talk real stuff, dance real big, and fuck real rough. I'm tall, strong and pretty, but hope you're not particularly (the latter). Gold stars for leather, cowgirls and those who'll hold me down as I writhe, buck and scream real loud. Diversity, honesty, fisting, big dildos, always appreciated. Call ★★9627.

Definitely Seeking Sex...

But I wouldn't mind finding a new friend or two on my search. I'm cute, with brown hair/blue eyes, a soft butch attitude and warm hands & strong arms to hold you with. I live in SF, play hard on my time off, but haven't been enjoying the regular sex life that all passionate Scorpios seek. Please have: adventurous spirit, a talented tongue, fantasies to share... Call ★★9628.

Androgynous, solid jock, ex-art student & very cute, GBF, 26, likes consuming magazines & amino acids; would like to get together to hear your heavy philosophy about life, your least favorite bands, etc., and for wet & friendly sex. Major plus if you're a cool sort of dominator; butch/femme looks are evenly hot to me. Women who kickbox, thrash sound/shows are big interests; not into drugs, smoke, heavy drinks, S/M. Let's go... Reply BT Box SP9A or call ★★9629.

Tall Brunette

Transsexual, active, low profile, not into hiding out or shocking people, interested in meeting women for mutually enjoyable times and relationships. Me: water woman, sensual dreams and ocean, sky. Fantasies include fast women and fast cars. Got a motorcycle? Let's go for a ride. Complementary opposites encouraged to reply. Call ★★9630.

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ALBUM PLAYING OVER FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH TIME TODAY.
...LIKE BLOOD TO CHOC-WARBLE
SKREEK!
SNAP!
DAMN CHEAP TAPES.
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
OH, LOIS. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
JEEZ, MO. TRY AND CONTAIN YOURSELF. I JUST STOPPED BY TO SEE IF YOU WERE STILL A MESS.
I'M OKAY. WANT SOME CHEESECAKE?
MO, YOU NEVER EAT THIS SHIT! WHAT'S THE DEAL?
CHIPS
IT'S CHEAPER THAN ORGANIC BROCCOLI. I'M ON A TIGHT BUDGET NOW. SINCE HARRIET MOVED OUT, I HAFTA PAY TWICE AS MUCH RENT.
SO GET A ROOMMATE!
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YEAH. I'M ON MY WAY TO THE LOVE TUNNEL. I WAS GONNA TRY AND GET YOU TO COME TOO.
THAT'S A MEN'S SEX CLUB!
NOT TONIGHT! SOME DYKES ARE OPENING IT FOR WOMEN ONCE A MONTH. LOOK! I BROUGHT SOME EXTRA DAMS FOR YOU!
OH, PUH-LEEZE. LESBIANS HAVING CASUAL, ANONYMOUS SEX IN PUBLIC? I DON'T THINK SO.
JEEZIZ, MO. SOMETIMES I THINK YOUR CLOCK STOPPED IN 1981! YOSHI SAID OPENING NIGHT WAS PACKED!
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FINE! KNOCK YOURSELF OUT! BUT YOU'RE GONNA LOOK PRETTY STUPID IN THAT JACKET AND FLAT-TOP WHEN YOU'RE SEVENTY.

one for you. This sexy, attractive, 30-year-old, Black dyke, with a special weakness for butch women, wants to lick, suck, squeeze, probe, rub, spread, straddle and ride. If you look good in gloves and believe saran wrap is for more than just cooking, you're the one for me. Let's find out what we can do. I prefer if you write, but go ahead and call if you prefer. Reply BT Box SP10A or call ★★9631.

Coming Soon

New Year's Eve is just around the corner and I want a wonderful date to lavish this beautiful, sexily adorned body onto. I'm 5'5", green eyes, long brown hair and very attractive. I'm financially and emotionally secure, very attentive and say what's on my mind. I'm looking for someone to have fun with—not looking for enmeshment. I enjoy being active, from museums to bike rides, from dancing to hikes at Pt. Reyes, and enjoy home cooked meals and videos. I like to wear leather skirts and silk shirts as well as 501s and cowboy boots. Let's get to know each other so we can let loose and bring in a new year, and more, to remember. Call ★★9632.

Alive & Kicking

Over 55, but not dead yet! Still into living & loving. Looking for other oldies but goodies. Life is a banquet; let's partake together. Reply BT Box SP11A or call ★★9633.

Here's What I Want...

You can say what you want in a forthright manner. You take charge of your own physical, emotional and spiritual health. You have a sense of humor and are awed by life's presentations. You can appreciate an attractive, brilliant, kind, 43-year-old, psychotherapist-in-training with strong literary and social justice interests, who sees the world as full of adventure and opportunity. Come on... Call ★★9634.

Nice Jewish Girl

Follow a path of fun with me. Be it filled with clouds or sun. Close to the ocean shore. A smile creases my lovely green eyes. It would be nice to share this view with another gentle soul. So what's an attractive, Jewish girl doing writing this ad? Call, we'll talk some more. Call ★★9635.

Life Is Short

My goals in it are focused and simple—health, spiritual, personal and professional growth, and healthy relationships. If the fates allow, would like to purchase property and co-parent. I'm 39, professional, self-contained, but also in need of friends & perhaps a lover to share my path. Interests include hiking, film, feminism, reading and much more. Peninsula women preferred, but will welcome all responses. Reply BT Box SP12A or call ★★9636.

Happy Birthday, P.

It's no wonder you've been so difficult to find. You're part milk, part dark chocolate, yet you remind me of the taste of peaches. Your sweet voice in the morning is better than Metheny any Saturday, or Pavarotti any Sunday. So what do you, my wholesomely kinky IDP, want for your birthday? I'm yours when you're ready. I wish you a century of happy birthday celebrations. —P. Call ★★9637.

The Price You Pay Could Be Heavy

But first let me wine & dine you; bring you flowers; caress you; make love till you're screaming for mercy; and cradle you till you're ready for more. I'm thirtyish, Blk butch, sure and comfortable w/ herself. Looking for femme who has a life of her own, can handle a (possible) relationship and would never think of couples counseling. And the price? You'll have to call or write. Reply BT Box SP13A or call ★★9638.

Let's Converse Intently

26-year-old, ex-New Yorker, thoughtful, literate, dry, a good listener, politically aware, physically active, androgynous & good company in bed, seeks kindred animus this side of 35, andro/butch, NS, for lively amusements (sans TV) in the urban playground & beyond. Call ★★9639.

Lively Leo Lesbian

Looking for boating/biking/backpacking/bedding buddies. Mature, tall, slim, fit, attractive, clean and sober, sporty-femme seeks companions for healthy physical, mental and emotional games and growth. Longing for that "one and only," but willing to wait for balanced, non-codependent bonding. Call for fun and direct communication. Call ★★9640.

Passion

Passionate woman who enjoys romance and the finer things in life seeks feminine, attractive woman, 30-45, for possible friendship/relationship. Must be sensitive, expressive, romantic and spontaneous. Are you woman enough for me? Call ★★9641.

You Make Me Feel Great!

New to SF. I'm 29. I want friends. I want MC rides. I'm funny, sharp, and have a dog. I like animals, birds, plants, limpids, etc. I like words, art and games. So... I like dykes with brains & charisma. (Must have eyes like limpid pools.) I can be soft and not so soft. I like to learn & to teach. Interested & interesting lesbians call ★★9642.

Get A Life!

Into much self-growth, affection, kindness, integrity, love? Gentleness, mellow support, compassion? Being good to each other, mutually supportive, hot, passionate, extra gentle, assertive, aware, ecstatic sexuality? Young 50, 5'9", attractive, living E. Bay, meet soft fair type woman, over 5'6", attractive, giver in bed, able to feel, share deeply & openly, living wherever, supportive, to create lasting relationship. Love grass, trees, non-abuse. Call ★★9643.

South American Looking For Friendship

I like to go to the movies, long walks, flea markets, dancing, out to dinner. I live in Oakland. Call ★★9644.

Know What Postmodernism Is

And really don't care? Tired of not having sex with anyone but your vibrator? 21-year-old, angst-ridden (but otherwise fairly emotionally stable) art nerd seeks other creative, pseudo-intellectual, semi-trendy, 20-something women for socializing, sex, etc. Reply BT Box SP14A or call ★★9645.

Cuddle, No Sex

Very affectionate, nice, cute AF, 32, interested in meeting non-heavy WF, 27-42, for major cuddling. Let's meet, let's talk & let's cuddle. All letters will be answered. Reply BT Box SP15A.

Politically Aware Women

30-year-old, feminist, political (on the left), San Franciscan, Jewish social worker who enjoys good films, cooking and especially the outdoors (hiking, gardening and biking). Looking for a woman who enjoys stimulating, intellectual conversation to explore friendship, relationship, and more. Nonsmokers only please. Call ★★9646.

Summer's End

The end of summer has become apparent. There is a new season knocking on the door. It is time for a change, for new beginnings. To try and finish all of those New Year's resolutions that haven't been resolved. Is it finally time to make time for yourself and stop being a workaholic? If the answer is yes, then it's time for you to meet an x-workaholic who enjoys meeting new people and maybe that special someone. I am 28 years old. I enjoy working out, tennis, picnics, theater, movies, weekend getaways, etc. So if you would like to find out, you can write me or call. Reply BT Box SP16A or call ★★9647.

Looking For A Girlfriend

Single lesbian, 38, educated, physically fit, stable, mature and playful. I'm capable of forming happy, satisfying, long-term relationships. I try to enjoy whatever I'm doing everyday, even if it's just the dishes. I'm looking for a healthy, active, intelligent woman, 25-45, who likes pets and lives in SF. No drugs, lite alcohol OK. My hobbies: ballet, aerobics, get-togethers with friends, reading, walking my dog, movies, theater, dance performances, dining out. Looks not as important as personality, but no couch potatoes. Call ★★9648.

"Cleverly Disguised As A Responsible Adult"

Disguise: Stably employed, same SF address 6 yrs., debt-free, intelligent, articulate, decisive, charitable, informed. Underneath: outrageous wit/humor, knee-weakening kisser, creative brainstormer, singer/performer, urban motorcyclist, great cook (does breakfast in bed sound good?), light drinker/toker. I'm 37 (most disbelievers guess 30-32), energetic (very), attractive GWF (pretty with makeup, handsome without), athletic (golf, tennis, swimming, softball, etc.), 5'8", stocky (teddy bear with muscles), losing weight, feeling great! I like my sports, photography, travel, concerts, galleries & exhibits, street fairs, lots of different music, being outdoors, the beach at night, massage and sensual ecstasy with someone special... maybe a GWF, 28-40, med. to stocky, sporty, nonsmoker, outgoing, energetic, adventurous and creative, sensual, independent with your own dreams and goals, but, like me, you'd like to find someone special to make your wishes come true with. Let's share some laughs together while we peel off our disguises. Call ★★9649.

Intellectual, Arty, Attractive

Young in spirit (not age), independent, unconventional original seeks like companions. Reply PO Box 410271, SF 94141.

shared interest

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Astrology Socials For Women

Casual monthly gatherings to talk about the stars and such. If you're interested in meeting with like-minded souls, call ★★9696. Leave name and phone. Individualized charts will be provided free. Group size is limited. San Francisco location.

Nam Myoho Renge Kyo

BiAM, 29, 4 year member, seeking other gay/lesbian/bisexual Nichiren Shoshu members to practice with in the SF area. Peninsula and East Bay also OK. I have a large living area for meetings, socials & potlucks. Call ★★9697.

Jackie & Aristotle... Not!

2 San Francisco gay men with boats, 38 & 36 years old, looking for other male skiers (no boat required) interested in spending water ski weekends on the San Joaquin Delta. Prefer active, athletic men, 25-45 years young. Call and leave a message. Call ★★9698.

Jewish Lesbians

Get together for Shabbat, schmooze, support, etc. Monthly? East Bay, SF, Marin. Leave name and phone. Reply BT Box SP600A or call ★★9699.

Dykes With Dogs

Single? Have a dog? Don't, but want to hang out with single dykes that do? Informal group starting to get together for walks in San Francisco, probably Glen Park or Fort Funston. It should be dog heaven and maybe even dyke paradise. Call ★★9700.

Just Do It

Female country vocalist looking for acoustic guitars, electric guitars, fiddles, etc., to get together for fun. Let's share some songs and see where it takes us. I have the P.A. system. Enjoy Wynona, Patsy, Bonnie Raitt, Mary C.C. Reply BT Box SP601A or call ★★9701.

Seeking Steady Two-Step Partner

I've been dancing since January, and I'm in a rut. I would like to meet a nonsmoking woman who: wants to learn good technique and new steps; lets me lead at least half the time; will spend $35/month on lessons and 3 hours/week practicing; and is light on her feet and tallish. I'm fun, but I take my two-stepping seriously! Call ★★9702.

QWF (Queer Writing Females)

We are a group of serious queer women writers who... wait. Start again. We are a group of frivolous queer women who are, nevertheless, quite serious about writing. By serious, we mean (a) serious about improving our work and (b) serious about getting our work published. (Some of us are already published, some are not.) We are looking for others of our ilk to expand (slightly) the size of our group. Purpose of the group is to provide motivation and constructive criticism, and to help overcome procrastination, writer's block, laziness, low self-confidence, and other writer's diseases. Ground rules: We meet every other Tuesday. If you don't bring something you've written, or if you skip a meeting without having a darned good reason, you have to bring homemade brownies to the next meeting. Please, be sex-positive, bi-positive, S/M-positive, sex-worker-positive, blah, blah, blah. No poetry, we can't cope with it. If you're interested, please send a sample of your work to BT Box SP602A.

HIV Alternatives

HIV+ GWM would like to contact others who question current HIV treatment and are pursuing, or are interested in pursuing, alternative paths. I left conventional medicine six years ago and now rely totally on yoga, homeopathy and diet. I am interested in hearing about any experiences with natural therapies. Perhaps if enough people respond, we could form a support group or informational exchange. Call ★★9703.

Attention Cowgirls!

SF woman seeks C&W dance partner(s). I'm a beginner, learning the 2-step, waltz and line dances. I like to lead, so need a follower(s) and since I'm 5'3" would prefer women in my height range. Let's go! Call ★★9704.

Support Group

Would you like a place for positive change in your life? Join our leaderless support group for women who are thirtyish. Previous therapy experience, comfort talking about feelings, helpful. Monday nights in San Francisco. Call ★★9705.

Looking for new pals to gab & gossip with, go to the movies, eat out or in, explore the city/Bay Area. I love to walk, read, ride horses, cook, drink coffee and especially talk on the phone! I am 33, bisexual woman, live in SF. I have lived here 2 yrs., but have been in a relationship and been neglecting my own social life. Time to break out on my own a bit. Call ★★9706.

Seeking Fairy Friends

Girldyke, age 21, plagued by romantic difficulties, seeks relationships with fag boys that offer no sexual possibilities whatsoever. I've been so busy chasing women and it's been a long time since I had gay "brothers," hence this ad. I am sweet, smart, funny, honest, brave and cute as a button. Hopefully, you are too. My interests include: clubbing, cruising, shopping and other, more mundane things. Call ★★9707.

Ecstatic And Intense

Free, exacting instruction in Buddhism, mysticism and the teachings of Don Juan for a few highly motivated and intelligent seekers between the ages of 18 and 29. This is an unorthodox, fun and highly experiential path. Call ★★9708.

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Not A Stud

I'm a 44-year-old BiWM. I'm friendly, educated, responsible, disease-free, employed and I have a good sense of humor. Alas, alas, I'm a very low-energy person. I'm seeking M/F/couples interested in low-key, friendly, safe sex, e.g., mutual J/O. If you have some of these qualities, it would be great: young, smooth, Asian, thin, sense of humor, like hot tubs, inexpensive ethnic restaurants, acoustic music. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★9666.

Naked Nude Show-Off

Pretty young show-off person wanted to pose naked and more for amateur photographer, who is a skinny, cute, senior, father-figure type, very laid back, you'll love him. You can be kinky, outdoorsy, stockings & heels type, lesbian, a couple, into S/M, or even a nice, smooth boy. Upper Haight. You get prints. Call ★★9667.

BiWF, mid-40s, happily married, incredibly busy life, reasonably pretty. Seeking same or older for occasional afternoons of grand passion. I make love to you for hours, gently sucking the beautiful nipples of your heavy breasts until you're in delicious frenzy. Moving south, my tongue and fingers bring you slowly to total fulfillment. Then I do it all to you again. We meet in some comfortable, out of the way spot because discretion is an absolute must for both of us. Is this you? Let's talk over coffee. Reply BT Box SP300A or call ★★9668.

East Bay Cycling Buddy Sought

Progressive, in-shape, BiWM (HIV-), 36 y.o., seeks clean, sex-positive, BiWM, for rides in the Oak/Berk Hills (Skyline Dr.). I like physical challenge but no competitive games; also interested in long, slow, stiff, J/O sessions and other safe, physical intimacies. High libido desired. G.R., PO Box 11548, Oakland 94611-0548 or call ★★9669.

Energetic, Intelligent And Sensitive

BiWM, 30, 5'11", 180, br/br, HIV-. Looking for that rare person (26-36) who likes to keep busy trying new things, but is also in touch with her/his feelings and likes to communicate. If you're bright, passionate about life and love to analyze everything and everyone, then send me a note. No Republicans or television addicts, please. Reply BT Box SP301A.

Stockton Lover

Married, masculine, attractive, sensitive, affectionate, white male, seeks same in Stockton area. 38, professional, father of 2, salt/pepper hair, brown eyes, 5'11", 185 lbs., HIV-, wants casual, caring, yet discreet relationship, combined with safe, hot sex. PO Box 7957, Stockton 95267. Must be masculine looking and acting. No reply w/o photo. Call ★★9670.

Attractive Blond Transsexual

Seeking stable, slim, hairy, 38-45, WM for cocktails, dinner, movie, outing, romantic evening. Call, leave your # at ★★9671.

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For bisexual man or m&f couple. Seek longhair, stud man, single or with lady friend. Physical contact inside or outside at private, rural space. Am mainly gay, somewhat bisexual, 39, 6', 190, longhair, masculine. Not into TVs, shaved crotches or crewcuts. 90 miles north of SF, car or bus. Might pay gas or busfare. Box 778, Cloverdale, CA 95425 or call ★★9677.

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Penpals Wanted: Caucasian Or Asian

Penpals wanted to share viewpoints about life, hobbies, politics, etc. All in good taste. I enjoy classical music, bike riding, hang-gliding, weightlifting, reading and more. I don't smoke or drink. I'm Caucasian, 45, 6'2", 200#. Write with photo: R.G., Suite 33-238, 4555 N. Pershing Ave., Stockton 95207.

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Meet a progressive kind of guy. I'm early 40s, look mid-30s, 160 lbs., 6 ft., brn/brn, HIV-. Pursuits include meditating, swimming, cycling, and an astounding appetite for books and musical diversity. My personality tends to be introverted yet gutsy. Sane, socially conscious, I can be an animated conversationalist with a responsive and sensuous nature. If your spirit is receptive, send a photo and tell about yourself. Sorry, mail responses only. Reply BT Box SP70A.

Slim Asian Wanted

Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6'2", 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

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Handsome Asian, 32. Athletic, clean, HIV-, would like to meet a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker, GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★9719.

Country Rad
Not looking for innocent farmboy or beachboy from down South. Am looking for somebody with a mind as crazy as me, into country talk, mountains, leather, old denim, toys from the hardware store, rubber gear made from old inner tubes, radical safe sleaze (radical country politics, too, if you're into that). 5′7″, 140, 55, 70 miles north of SF. Reply BT Box SP72A or call ★★9720.

Manly Muscles
GWM, 45, 175 lbs., 5′10″, full of fun & very muscular, seeks similar healthy professional who is relationship-oriented. Masculine, muscular, good-looking and a high self-image describes us. Photo & letter. Reply BT Box SP73A or call ★★9721.

A Good Catch
Seriously seeking a relationship with a man who can talk about feelings, build trust, let intimacy grow, create long-term commitment and have fun along the way. I'm fortyish, bearded, stocky, medium height, "bear type." I like dinner/movie dates, weekends away, animals, outdoors, motorcycle riding (mine). You're a bit younger and smaller. Any race, openly gay, nonsmoker, serious about this process, seeking the real thing. Reply BT Box SP74A or call ★★9722.

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Masculine-Muscular-Handsome
Naturally masculine, former competitive powerlifter; 42, 6′, 227, into hard workouts, honest people and still believe I can find the right guy for me. You: naturally masculine, muscular, honest, open, HIV-. Call ★★9724.

Hot And Ready...
... for a relationship, that is! Good-looking, masculine GWM, HIV-, professional, seeking relationship based on friendship, trust, communication, physical/emotional intimacy. About me: toned, 5′7″, 140 lbs., br/bl, young 45, mostly top, versatile with right guy. You: GM, HIV-, 28-45, trim, not too tall. Us: nonsmokers/substance abusers, with varied interests including the arts, movies, good food, reading, travel, keeping fit. Letter and (returnable) photo welcomed! Reply BT Box SP75A or call ★★9725.

Sonoma County
Young man—are you curious yet afraid or simply tired of one timers? Would you love the comfort and joy of being adored and touched by an understanding man? I'm 39, white male, looking to share such a discreet, safe, physical, supportive relationship with a young man who seeks comfort in the arms of a gentleman. Reply BT Box SP76A.

Sincere And Caring
Slim GM, 28, looking for sincere GM of any color for friendships, if possible, relationship. Me: 5′8″, 150 lbs., HIV-, cleanshaven, into music, video, movies, plays and concerts. You: 25-32-yrs.-old, 5′8″ or above, in good shape, HIV-, nonsmoking, straight-acting, cleanshaven. Call ★★9726.

Queer Boys...
Just want to have raunchy sex. Too perverted for the mainstream homo community, yet not at home in the leather/Folsom scene either? Know you like restraint, spanking, pain, piercing? Handsome, sadistic top, 33, w/dark hair/eyes/goatee, couldn't care less about cop-and-cowboy drag, but am absolutely queer for cuddly, insatiable bottom boys with alternative looks/outlook. You: under 30, valiant, durable, and long-suffering. Novices welcome; the merely curious are sternly discouraged. Call ★★9727.

Go To The Opera With Me
It's that time of the year again. Opera season starts 9/12. GAM, SF Opera season ticket holder (Saturday, balcony circle), seeks companion(s) to go to opera together. Also looking for friends who enjoy classical music, jazz, movies, reading, outdoors, hiking, backpacking, rafting, etc. Prefer but not limited to the Peninsula/South Bay area. Relationship potential. Write PO Box 41423, San Jose 95160-1423.

Bikini Buff
WM, 34, 6′2″, 170 lbs., beard, blond curls, wants friends into wearing scanty beach bikinis with me. If you're HIV-, under 30 and turned on by wearing and seeing the skimpiest, most revealing bikini on the beach, then let's picnic and frolic in the sun together. Race unimportant. Bikini infatuation is a must. Letter and photo to PO Box 3295, San Rafael 94912 or call ★★9728.

Help
GWM, 30, spiritually & emotionally connected. 6′3″, chiseled features, dk blond hair, 195 lb., well-built, of German & Italian descent. Seeks a soulful person who knows how to laugh & touch on different levels. Please be well-built & good-looking, between 25-35, intellectually adventurous; let's encourage each other. Photo appreciated & gladly returned. Reply BT Box SP77A or call ★★9729.

Get Down And Goal
One young, hot guy, seeking same (gay or bi) to watch 49er action with and possibly have some fifth quarter action, i.e., hot, safe sex. Must be 49er fan and good-looking. I can't think of a better way to spend a Sunday. P.S., I am a gay Italian, 27 years old, brown hair, brown eyes, 5′10″, 175 lbs., good shape, very good-looking. Call ★★9730.

GWM Seeks GLM/GAM
24, 6′1″, well-built, brown hair, dark brown eyes, new to gay scene, enjoys working out, travel, beach, seeking GLM/GAM, 21-29, well-built, for friendship, possible relationship. Reply BT Box SP78A or call ★★9731.

September Song
It's been a while since this East Bay guy has had a special person in his life. I'm 48, 155#, 5′10″, br/br-silver, s&p 'stache, fit, handsome, healthy HIV+, nonsmoker, musical and sincere. What about you? Call ★★9732.

Straight Men
Gay male seeks other gay males who, like myself, are attracted exclusively to good-looking straight men. Boxholder, PO Box 591078, SF 94159 or call ★★9733.

Seeks Thai Friend
Attractive, professional WM, late-40s, HIV-, masculine, healthy, well-proportioned body, active, sports and music interests, caring, sincere, romantic, looking for Thai/Asian friends/companion, 20-35, with similar qualities. Please reply BT Box SP79A or call ★★9734.

Flex Your Muscles
WM, 5′6″, 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★9735.

Nation Of Ulysses
QWM, 26, seeks oldster who refuses assimilation in both the straight world and gay ghetto. You are smart with a preference for "difficult" literature, music and people because you know they are (usually) worth it. You are masculine but are neither an ego-stoked daddy/boy fetishist nor a misogynist creep. Okay, now me. I'm a nice, meek-looking student with glasses, messy brown hair and a serious fashion deficiency. Pretty average looks and body but there's something there. You know the type. I dig Sadie Benning, Spike Jones, Bitch Nation, Rob't Rauschenberg, Sun Ra, the K aesthetic, bell hooks, Semiotext(e), John Cage, Kicking Giant, Captain Picard and a lot of other stuff we can talk about later. A photo is appreciated. Reply BT Box SP80A or call ★★9736.

Tiger Seeks Bear
Just moved to SF. Presently seeking friends and romance—ultimately seeking monogamy (it can happen...). QWM, 30, 5′10″, 140, curly bl/br, moustache, masculine, smart, sweet, so cute—artist, art therapist, carpenter. Likes the arts, the outdoors, theosophy, sex, medicine/healing. Tender vanilla top, F/A/P, G/A, great kisser/cuddler. Seeks kind, intelligent, hairy/bearded HIV+ companion. No sex police, Republicans or chemically dependent. Call ★★9737.

Left Brain Seeks Right
Are you clever, creative, artistic, musical, aesthetic, tend to dream and nurture ideas, wake up at night with visions? Great, because I'm more linear in the way I think, although I'm inventive and intuitive, with a spiritual sense. I'm a type A who enjoys the moderating influence of a gentle man. Call and let's introduce one another to our two separate worlds. There's more "meat" in my voice-mail message. Call ★★9738.

Like Leather But Not S/M?
Leather daddy, late 40s, bearded, trim, distinguished salt & pepper, 6′, seeks shorter, slim boy under 30. You have fantasized about having such a relationship but have been afraid of the S/M connotations. Relax—this daddy isn't into pain, just lots of TLC, daddy-boy stuff and maybe a little light B&D if the boy likes it. Definitely into leather and leather lifestyle. You should like giving head, letting daddy take charge. I am a patient, loving teacher. Call ★★9739.

Dark, Hairy, Hard Body
Me: 33-yr.-old GWM, HIV-, 6′3″, 195 lbs. Gorgeous, tanned, muscular, athletic, hairy body, sexy smile (when you make me laugh), handsome, balding head, great sense of humor, very outgoing (often silly & mischievous), self-assured, independent, professional, nonsmoker (cig. that is), nice tool, straight-acting & vers. (not to mention great in bed!). You must be/have great sense of humor, outgoing personality, smooth, musc. body (stocky OK), a full head of hair (+ for blnd/red), attractive, nice tool, under 35, nonsmoker (cig. that is), laid back, easygoing. I like oldies & easy listening, music, comedy clubs, long road trips, doing about anything outdoors & hot passionate sex (of course!). So if you fit the bill & are ready for a relationship, pick up the phone! Call ★★9740.

Looking For Help
E. Bay daddy, 59, 165 lbs., BiWM, looking for boy, Asian/Latino preferred, who likes to take photos & videos, to help record first body shave & other activities. Nonsmoker, light drinker, no wierdos. Call ★★9741.

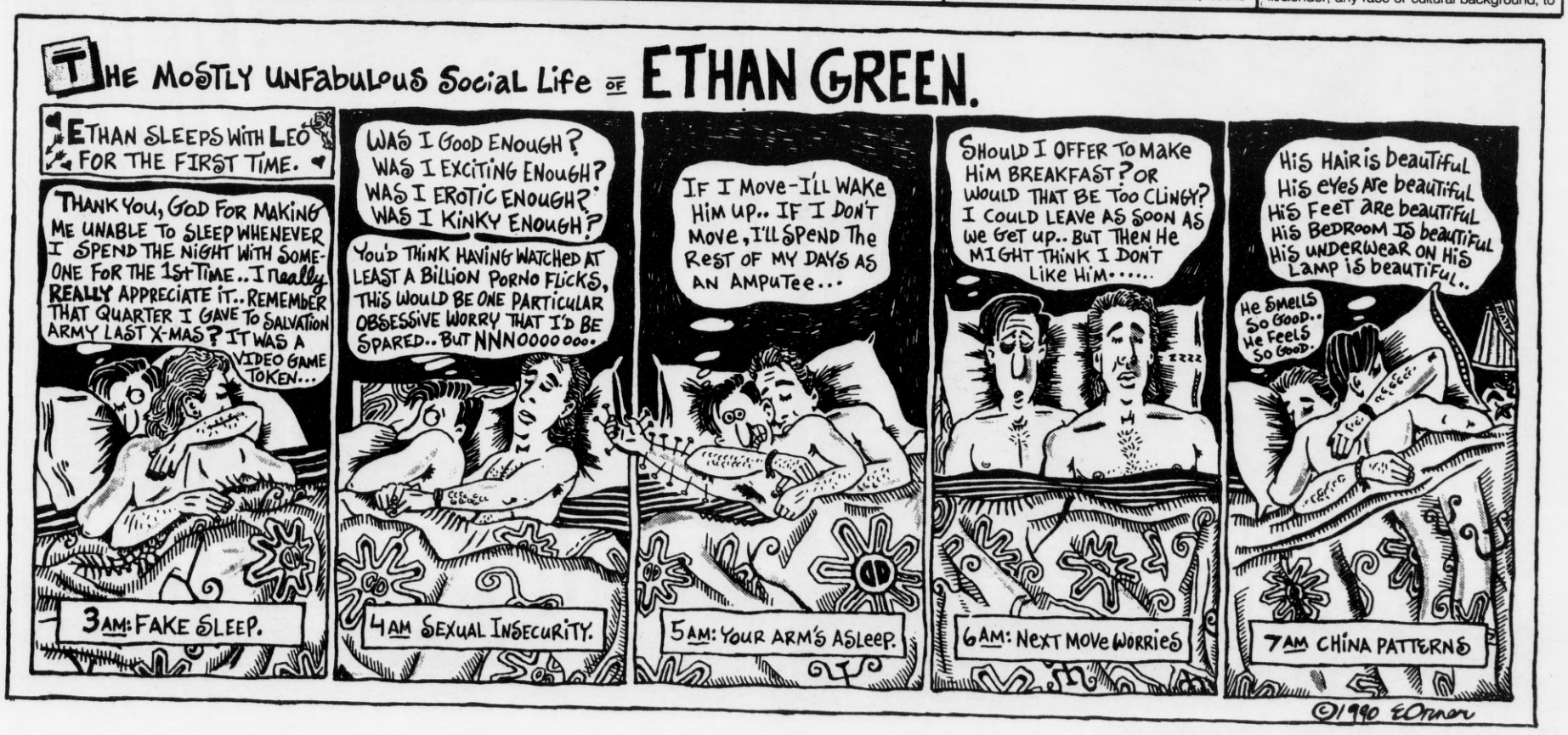
Good-looking, 32-yr.-old, WM bottom, seeks strong, clean, HIV- man. I need someone who will take the initiative. I love to cuddle and be touched. Having my nipples sucked excites me; having my ass played with drives me crazy. My fantasies are exhibitionistic and submissive in nature. I love to suck and lick and be poked from behind. Race and background not a factor, but would prefer someone older than myself. Call ★★9742.

Life's A Joke
But it doesn't have to be on us. Let's sit back and have some laughs at all of the trash that life throws our way. I'm a tall, thin, blond, boyish, intelligent professional, and I want a serious friendship/relationship with a great-looking guy who isn't taking every little thing so seriously—including himself. If you enjoy long drives, movies and (possibly) hip-hop, it would be great, but if one of us must have attitude, let's let it be me. Reply BT Box SP81A.

Amerasian/Mulatto/Latino
Man, sought by tall (6′4″), handsome, blond hair, blue-eyed, masculine GM of German/Slavic descent. I'm 27, HIV-, and I'm seeking an active, athletic, 20-30-yr.-old guy who fits the caption. You should be open, affectionate and spiritual. I'm physically fit, with a slender build. I'm an avid cyclist and also love cars, photography, movies and repertory theater. We both respect our minds and bodies, so no drugs or bars, but please, don't be addicted to the gym. Seeking similarly masculine man to explore the possibility of a long-term body and soul union. Call ★★9743.

Southern Transplant
Handsome, 28, GWM, masculine, educated, professional, who shows tough exterior. Enjoys activities such as sports, camping, hiking, reading, theater, travel, fireside evenings, political and philosophical discussions, and clubs on rare occasions with friends, not as a pickup location. I'm honest, secure, goal-oriented and comfortable with myself. ISO a friend foremost, who is same and enjoys a few of the above and has own interests for diversity sake. Who is looking to develop a friendship, then relationship, where sex is an inherited benefit not basis. I never believed I would place an ad but meeting quality people in the Bay Area has proven to be one of the few goals I haven't quite accomplished to my satisfaction. So if you thought that you would never respond to an ad, believe me it wouldn't take a fraction of the time it has taken me to accomplish this task. Call ★★9744.

Sonoma/Napa
WM, 38, 6′, 160, brown/blue, masculine, HIV-, liberal, nonconformist, nonsmoker, non-drug user, living/working in Sonoma, attending school in Napa. Would like to meet a man into the basics for healthy, comfortable living, as opposed to wealth and pretention, between 28-40, physically fit/slender, any race or cultural background, to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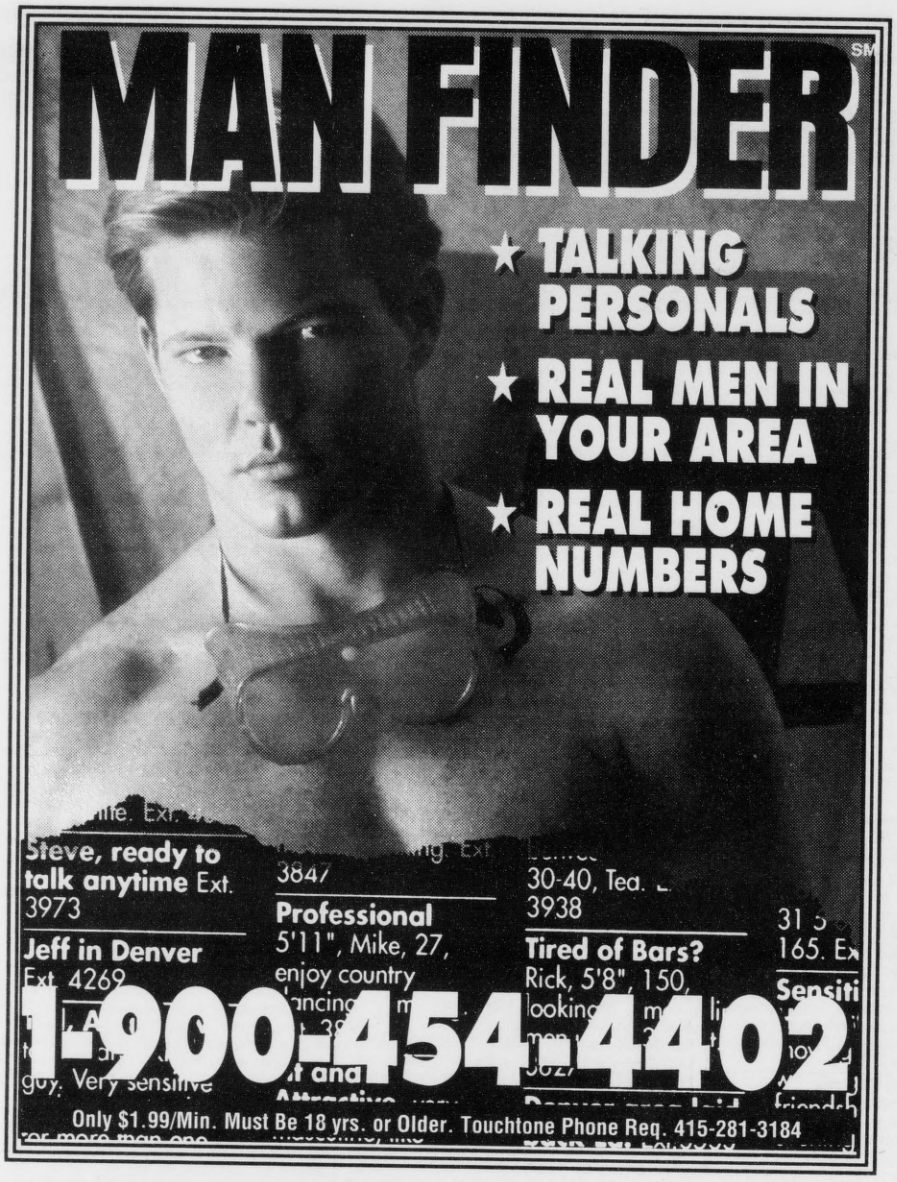

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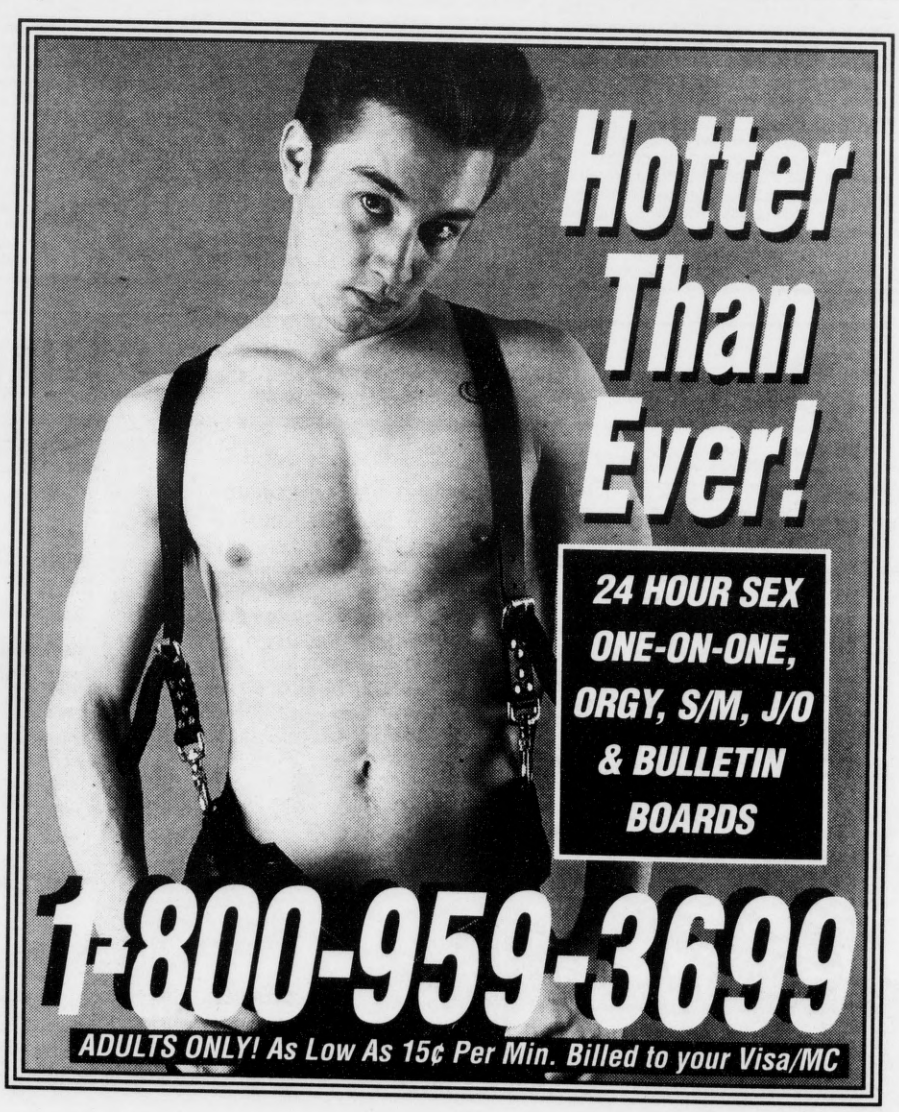

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Looking For Friends, Open To More
GAM, 20 yrs old, college student, 5′6″, with handsome features, bottom, desires muscular, handsome, top GWM under 40 yrs old, for friendship or sex. I like movies, socializing, sports and passionate sex. Photo must (will return). Reply BT Box SP82A or call ★★9746.

Chinese Teacher Wanted
I've been learning to speak Mandarin for the past year and I need a tutor right now who is kind, patient and good-hearted to motivate me and keep me from giving up on my language learning commitment. I'm 40, 5′6″, 145 lbs., a GWM professional and discreet. PO Box 3333, Daly City 94015 or call ★★9747.

Sophisticated, Dynamic, Romantic—Seeks Similar
I am: sensual, warm, affectionate, nurturing, complex, quirky, traditional, urbane, a well-traveled professional, educated in Europe. I am sexually versatile (safe sex only) and HIV-. I enjoy astrology, opera, ballet, theater, cinema, painting, architecture, history, mythology, music (mainly classical), literature, languages (mainly French and Italian), politics, dinner parties, gourmet cooking, gardening, bridge, massage, going to the gym, swimming, walks in the countryside and travel—both local and international—from National Parks to National Galleries. I am 45, 5′8″, a chunky 175 lbs. (a recent Nautilus and Stairmaster addict) with brown hair and intense hazel eyes. I have a wonderful circle of friends who find me supportive, amusing and entertaining, but I have not yet found that special companion. Prefer a taller man, 28-50, in good physical condition, who shares some of my interests, for dating, sensual romantic evenings with a view to a long-term relationship. You should be emotionally mature, capable of spiritual growth and financially stable. No heavy drinkers or smokers. Aversions: baldness, frizzy hair, heavy beards. Take a chance. Send me a letter telling me about yourself with a recent photograph. I promise I'll answer. Reply BT Box SP83A or call ★★9748.

Bigger Is Better
Good-looking, white male, 30, looking for big/overweight, masculine men, who are tired of always being on top. I am somewhat dominant & am looking for a "big guy" who needs to explore his submissive fantasies. Call ★★9749.

"Making Progress Together"
I'm gaining a realization and awareness of myself as an acceptable, unique, quality gay man and am becoming independent of conservative family holds and unrealistic ideas. Values and ideals were instilled and I use those to productively improve my life and make it happy. Love safe, sensual and sexual pleasures. I'm seeking a friend for friendship and mutual sharing and caring. I'm 5′10″, slender, tan, 40s, East Bay resident, physically attractive and non-alcohol/drug user. Your letter or voice message answered. Reply BT Box SP84A or call ★★9750.

Asian Desired
Young, attractive GWM, seeks GAM under 30 for relationship. I am 5′7″, blond, HIV-. I enjoy working out, eating out and many activities. I am looking to spend quality time with someone special, who is serious about a relationship. Let's talk. Call ★★9751.

The Fog Caresses Twin Peaks
Very handsome GM, 33, 6′, 175 lbs., muscular, avg. hung, HIV-, athletic and very sexual seeks a man whose eyes touch my heart, whose hands can unleash my passion. I seek an honest man, for without honesty there is no foundation. I could be the man you've waited so long to meet. Please send returnable photo and letter to PO Box 31323, SF 94131-0323 or call ★★9752.

Show Me Yours, I'll Show You Mine
Short, 5′5″, good shape, hairy legs, ass, w/e, 39 y.o., voyeur, likes to watch, be watched, J/O together. Any age, but must have hairy legs. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★9753.

Prostate Massage
GBM, 33, BB, likes to watch hunky, hairy men squirm and moan with pleasure while I manipulate their prostate with my fingers. Lay back and J/O while I make your toes curl and your thighs quiver. If your knees buckle at the slightest touch of your prostate, I'm your ticket. Big plus for blond men with body hair. 100 percent safe only. Call ★★9754.

Even Though
I enjoy music, social cocktails and people, I find bars are very tiring and too clonely for me! Looking for a GWM, 35-50, independent & stable professional, HIV-, and who understands the arts, love of life and NYC adrenalin. I am a Southern GWM professional, HIV-, tall, stocky, 'stache, glasses, s/p hair, smoker, drug free, romantic, spiritual, witty, stable, independent, gracious. Looking to date in hopes. It would be nice to travel & laugh in quality time. Box 213, 109 Minna St., SF 94105 or call ★★9755.

Asian Master Wanted
Professional WM seeking HIV- Asian under 35. I enjoy being spanked & obeying master's wishes. Open to most safe, kinky, sexual & fantasy trips, except Greek. I am quite muscular, somewhat hairy, very compact, 5′4″, 124 lbs., 56 y.o., HIV-. Regular meetings desired; discretion assured. Reply BT Box SP85A or call ★★9756.

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Among openly gay intellectuals, I'm unusually masculine (natural), muscular and defined, with dark Mediterranean looks, moustache and gorgeous dick. Appearing 30, 5′9″, 155#, I'm exclusively top and prefer vanilla, cuddling and three-ways with unusually handsome (not boyish) oral, thirtyish, conservative-appearing men with toned/defined medium to stocky (not bearish) builds. Interests: hiking, contemporary art, Pacifica radio, 78s, gardening, equitation. Not spiritual, drinker or smoker. PO Box 460662, SF 94146 or call ★★9757.

East Bay All American
Hi, I'm a good-looking, fun-loving, clean-cut, 31 y.o. GWM. I have blond hair, brown eyes, nice body and usually a nice smile. I'm employed, stable, adventurous, versatile and loyal. You should be a nice, employed, clean-cut, HIV- man, looking for good times and a possible relationship. Asians & Latins a plus, but all races welcome. Flexible age range 25-35±. Reply BT Box SP86A or call ★★9758.

I'm Hairy, Husky & Humorous
GWM, 37, 5′9″, 190 lbs., HIV-, balding w/handlebar moustache, who enjoys films, bicycling, sci-fi & walks. Seeks attractive, boyish-looking guy, 20 to 30, for fun & possible relationship, who's not into bars & who enjoys versatile safe sex & more. Call ★★9759.

Two Tough Wrestlers
Looking for singles, duos, to swap sweat on the mats. I'm 5′8″, 150#, dark, bearded, very hairy; partner is 5′11″, 175#, blond, smooth, Both enjoy very competitive, no-holds-barred roughhouse matches to submission—the fewer rules, the better. Seeking equally tough, aggressive buddies under 200# for one-on-one, tag-teams, parties. Private gym w/mats at our place. Serious wrestlers only—no spectators or wimps. Call ★★9760.

Italian/Latino GM seeking a sincere man who is relationship-oriented. I'm 36, 6′, 150 lbs., drk hr & moustache, HIV-, very affectionate, love to cuddle, tough & kiss, politically liberal, with various interests. Not into bars, gay scene, gyms or drugs. Prefer other GLM, Mediterranean, Pac. Islanders, Am. Indian, around my age or older, but all welcome if you share some of my views. Send photo if possible (not nec.). Reply BT Box SP87A or call ★★9761.

Berkeley Or SF Younger Bro Wanted
By caring WM, young for 42, 6′2″, 172 lbs., trim, HIV-, blue eyes, cleanshaven. Prefer slim or skinny, nonsmoker, somewhat boyish looking guy, 18-35, any race. (Asians welcome; others too.) I work in counseling, like movies, meditation, massage, swimming, hugging, occasional mild spanking (optional). Seek friend, brother, possible lover. Plus if you exercise some, don't like bars, not much body hair, are somewhat spiritual. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121 or call ★★9762.

Asian Opportunity
If you are looking for a handsome, trim, clean-cut, professional, financial district GWM, who is looking for a sharing relationship, this could be what you have been searching for. Interests include biking, hiking, films, great food, travel and other broadening experiences. Call ★★9763.

Waiting For The Sun
Tall, athletic, prof. GWM, 33, HIV-, not into bar scene, seeks slender relationship-oriented counterpart, 28-40, to share quiet nights at home, fine dining, uninhibited exploration. Latin types a plus. Reply BT Box SP88A or call ★★9764.

Tit Pig
Man with great pecs wants to play with other tit sluts who are into mutual stimulation. Reply BT Box SP89A or call ★★9765.

Exceptional Guy, East Bay
Nice guy with great life seeks same. Sensitive and smart, a little cracked. Honest. Not necessarily looking for capital-R relationship, but not interested in one-nighters. Slim, good-looking, energetic, 38, HIV+, full of life. No drugs, please. Call ★★9766.

Top To Bottom
Handsome, masc., GWM, 32, 5′10″, 160 lbs., w/rugged good looks/tattoos, dk brn hair, deep green eyes. Solid, well-maintained med. build. Secure, independent, stable and gainfully employed. Safe in bed, sometimes aggressive and mainly on the top. Very oral. Hot kisses a must. Looking to meet a GWM, 25-45, who is attractive, masculine and has a good outlook on life. If this sounds good, let's connect. Photos please. Will return. Reply BT Box SP90A or call ★★9767.

Stockton Lover
Married, masculine, attractive, sensitive, affectionate white male seeks same in Stockton area. 38, professional, father of 2, salt/pepper hair, brown eyes, 5′11″, 185 lbs., HIV-, wants casual, caring, yet discreet relationship, combined with safe hot sex. PO Box 7957, Stockton 95267. Must be masculine looking and acting. No reply w/o photo. Call ★★9768.

Santa Rosa
GM, 50, 185#, 6′3″, brown eyes, gray/brown hair (tail), moustache and I'm handsome. Down home country sort of guy, at home with a chainsaw, tennis racquet and even a computer. I can milk goats, repair an engine, build a house and a lot more. Funky, sensual, dedicated, integrity, warm and caring, and lots of fun, describe me. Likes: walking, hiking, biking, movies, good talks, friends, and involvement for social change (absolutely no alcohol, smoking or drugs). You: aware of who you are, about my age and upfront with your feelings and emotions and live north of San Rafael. Low priority is sex, high priority is getting to know each other, kissing, cuddling, talking (dating). I don't care for opera, fancy dining or elegant living. I have a life, lots of wonderful friends, but no boyfriend. Are you interested? PO Box 2204, Santa Rosa 95405 or call ★★9769.

Ready To Share Life
I want an extraordinary man to explore the universe with and share in making our dreams come true. A friend, lover and partner. I love travel, adventure, music, dining, metaphysics/spirituality, quiet evenings, making love. My sun sign is Cancer, I'm 29 y.o., 190#, husky build GBM. I'm strongly attracted to Tauruses and Leos, Latin, Black, Mideastern, exotic men, between the ages 27-45. Call ★★9770.

Confused
Isn't the idea to respond to these ads? The reason I am advertising is to widen my possibilities to meet Mr. Right. I don't have trouble meeting men, it's that at this point most of the men I have met don't have the same agenda. I live in C.C. County, but enjoy the City too. I like all the things repeated over & over in these ads. Some highlights: music, from CW to the quiet storm 102.8, biking, hiking, skiing, mountains to seashore, motorcycling, but not leather, etc. I am 6′, 185, vibrant blue eyes, brn hair, med. body hair, mostly top, masculinely handsome, great smile, fine sense of humor, contemporary in my style, outgoing, but shy, non-S/D/D, HIV-, energy level high. Because of this I date men between 25-40. Attitude is more important than type, and I find men with slighter builds than mine attractive, 5′6″ to 6′, 130-185, fair, slight body hair. But keep in mind, nothing is written in cement. Interested? Reply BT Box SP91A or call ★★9771.

Endowed East Bay BM
Enjoys very mature men, any race. Nudity, xx video, touching and visual stimulation combined create a sensual, stimulating experience. Honesty, discretion, dependability and availability are required. Weeknights after 9 pm are best. Occupant, PO Box 7441, Oakland 94601 or call ★★9772.

Slim, Moustached, Nonsmoking, HIV- GWM
Wants to meet similar! I enjoy movies, theater, general social activities, hiking, bridge, tennis and have just started square dancing (it's fun). Also love to travel! Me: SF resident, health-conscious, 40s, 6′1″, with dark hair and moustache. You: similar, 35-50. Why not drop me a line. I'd be happy to hear from you! Reply BT Box SP92A or call ★★9773.

Asian Daddy's Boy Wanted
For relationship with stable professional. I'm in my 40s, 6′ tall, 170 lbs., brown hair/eyes, nonsmoker/drinker, HIV- and not into gay scene. I'm caring, discreet, with traditional values. I need a clean-shaven Asian in his 20s for companionship, including safe sex. If you are shy or have special needs, please respond. I'll put you at ease. Reply to The Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square, #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★9774.

Sex On The First Date?
If that's the only thing you're after, skip this ad. I'm not interested in seeing how many men I can get in the sack. GWM, 40, HIV-, 6′, 190, br/br, buffed, affectionate, sensitive, intelligent, stable, love the outdoors and animals, hiking, the beach, music, reading, spirituality, looking for same with similar interests in the upper Peninsula/SF area. Sounds like what you're looking for? Then send a letter with photo (returnable). Take a chance, it'll be worth it. Nonsmoker a must. Barflies and Republicans strictly prohibited. Reply BT Box SP93A.

I Wanna Hold Your Hand
GAM, 26, 5′10″, 180 lbs. I enjoy music, traveling, good food, hot kisses, and cuddling. I'm looking for an attractive WM, 26-45 for fun, romance and adventure. I get turned on by men who are mature, straight-acting, husky, furry, "bear-type." Let's get acquainted soon! Call ★★9775.

HIV+ And Healthy?
We both want someone to love "more than life itself." Other considerations are superfluous to what we know we must have. We see, hear, know the truth and speak it to each other. Make our connection physical. Me: early 30s, tall, very good-looking, medium build, fair, versatile, passionate. This good "catch" goes to the first serious, sustainable offer. No bullshit, no games. Just love, companionship, affection, compassion. Reply BT Box SP94A or call ★★9776.

Spanking And Kindness
Warm, sincere WM, youthful for 42, 6′2″, 170 lbs., trim, HIV-, flexible. Can be caring dad or brother to slim/skinny, fairly smooth son/brother, 18-34, needing guidance and spanking. (Can also receive, optional.) Limits respected. Also seek strict, caring stepdad over 46 to blister my smooth buns like my dad did, with hand/strap until I was 20. Plus if spiritual or religious. Say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Love To Chew
On a hairy chest (and other pertinent areas). GWM, sandy-haired, green-eyed, 5′10″, 165#, assertive, sexy, naturally manly with a man's mind, good-looking, great smile, hungry teeth. Looking for intimacy and rapture (and open to more) with a monogamous, down-to-earth buddy who offers a loving heart, honesty, smarts and a nonsmoking, light-drinking, HIV-, disease-free, lean, hard, hairy body over 40, all of which I offer you. Call ★★9777.

Chubby Needs Head!
Fat daddy, 42, seeking young, slim, HIV-, oral experts, who really, really love to give head to large men. Must also love to hug and cuddle. Will reciprocate right person. Call ★★9778.

Progressive Values
GWM, 44, 5′11″, 180 lbs., HIV-, hairy, gym-toned bottom, seeks loving top for future together. I am an established E. Bay professional, interested in the arts, people, plants, nature, politics, and you? Honesty and integrity and wit a plus. Democrat a must. Wake up next to me at 4 am. Romance and a long-term relationship are my goals and friendship is a start. Let's talk and see. Recent photo appreciated and returned. Thanks. Reply BT Box SP95A or call ★★9779.

Lust In The Dust
I like Divine movies, dining out, theater and romantic nights at home. GWM, 34, very attractive, 5′8″, 135, HIV+, seeks GWM, 30 to 45, to date. Respond with photo and letter. Reply BT Box SP96A.

Share My Dreams
Of a life filled with passion, joy, stability and companionship. Two men learning together, growing together, loving together. Experiencing the wonders of the universe, facing its realities, fantasies, surprises and disappointments. I'm a GWM, 39, 5′11″, 165, blk/bl, muscular, hairy, quite handsome, HIV-. Wanting to be close with another GWM, 25-45, weight & height proportionate, handsome, sexy, HIV-, physically fit and able to share my dreams. We are romance personified, lustful in our souls and true to our hearts and one another's needs. I've searched a long time for you. How do we find each other? Reply BT Box SP97A with photo if available or call ★★9780.

Campaign Of Love
Accomplished GWM candidate seeks successful running mate. 39, brown/blue, 5′10″, 155 lbs., platform. HIV-, easygoing, humorous, in-shape, seeks self-aware, HIV-, nonsmoking, quick-witted GWM, 30-45, who enjoys romance, outdoors and a variety of activities which could result in scandal and loss of the election. To quality for the primaries call ★★9781.

Submissive pig seeks dominant daddy topman who is hung and sleazy. I like it hot, wet & deep. Give it to me now. Verbal commands encouraged. Face-sitters given preference. Pig is good-looking prof. athlete with big legs and smooth skin. Call ★★9782.

R.S.V.P.
GWM, 38, brn/hzl, 6′1″, 170; good-looking, fun, positive+, healthy, Francophile, clean, sober, versatile, and a recovering romantic. Into languages, movies, eating out, hot water, beaucoup de sexualite. Seeking someone charming, adorable, sexy, with great legs and a good sense of humor. Ideally, you're also a real nice, decent, open, honest guy, 30-45, who wants a boyfriend, or whatever. You're easygoing, mature, and good-natured about those embarrassing blind dates for coffee. Reply BT Box SP98A or call ★★9783.

Come On, Good Buddy
This 47-yr-old, semi-conventional rig is prowling the blacktop seeking the company of other righteously outfitted rigs with lots of long haul experience. Want a gear-jammin', pedal-poppin', bearded, booted, good buddy who can make that pussy purr on any grade (no hawks). Diesel smoke makes me horny! Kick it back to Buffalo Bear. Call ★★9784.

Asian Looking For Mr. Right
GAM, 26, 5′5″, 130, student. You: 25+, not too tall, GWM or GAM, professional, stocky build, beard or moustache a+. Both: HIV-, masculine, nonsmoker, no drugs, sincere, honest, a little bohemian, enjoy KKSF. Give me a call and let's get together. Call ★★9785.

Ever Been To Eureka?
Very attractive, Italian descent, very young 60, 5′8″, 155, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard, moustache, hairy chest, uncut, seeks monogamous lifemate. I'm honest, considerate, dependable, clean, neat, all-around nice guy. You're early retired or financially secure, relocatable and in good shape as I am. Enjoy home reading, board games, movies, plants, conversation. All answered. Photo appreciated/returned. M.S., Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★9786.

Sex Is Fine, But...
This GAM, 40, HIV-, is interested in more. I want to be close to a man, emotionally as well as physically (cuddling, hugging and touching preferred; no Greek sex please). I'd like to meet healthy, HIV-, nonsmoking GWMs, late 30s to late 40s, for friendship and possible relationship. If some of your interests include classical music, musical theater, plants or dining out, please respond. Call ★★9787.

Tenderness Is The Best, Part II
If you answered this ad ("... nothing stirs more the heart, soul and body of this GBM, 6′, 180# man than a gentle caress, a tender kiss...") then I am speaking to you. I did not want to leave people hanging (and I don't think it would make me out to be very nice if I totally ignored my responsibility to you who answered). My circumstances have changed in that I am seeing someone nice, and I think I would be less than honest if I tried to explore other relationships at this time. You guys are the sweetest bunch of men to answer an ad, and, truly, I appreciated that you answered my heart. I hope that you will not give up on finding a wonderful man to call your own (the ads do work, but sometimes it doesn't feel that way, does it?). I couldn't have gotten better responses, and I mean that. I wish you all the realization of love with someone special. Thanks for writing and calling. Oh, if you asked for your picture back, and I haven't sent it yet, please forgive me. It will be returned, and soon. Call ★★9788.

Leatherclad Biker
GWM, 36, 6′, 180 lbs., dark hair, trim beard, seeks a similar guy in 30s or 40s, into leather, motorcycles and one to one, passionate, adventurous, but safe, man-sex. I'm not into S/M, the leather scene or bars. I ride out of town most weekends. The good, regular company of a genuine, bearded or 'stached guy devoted to leather would help. Letter and photo. Reply BT Box SP99A.

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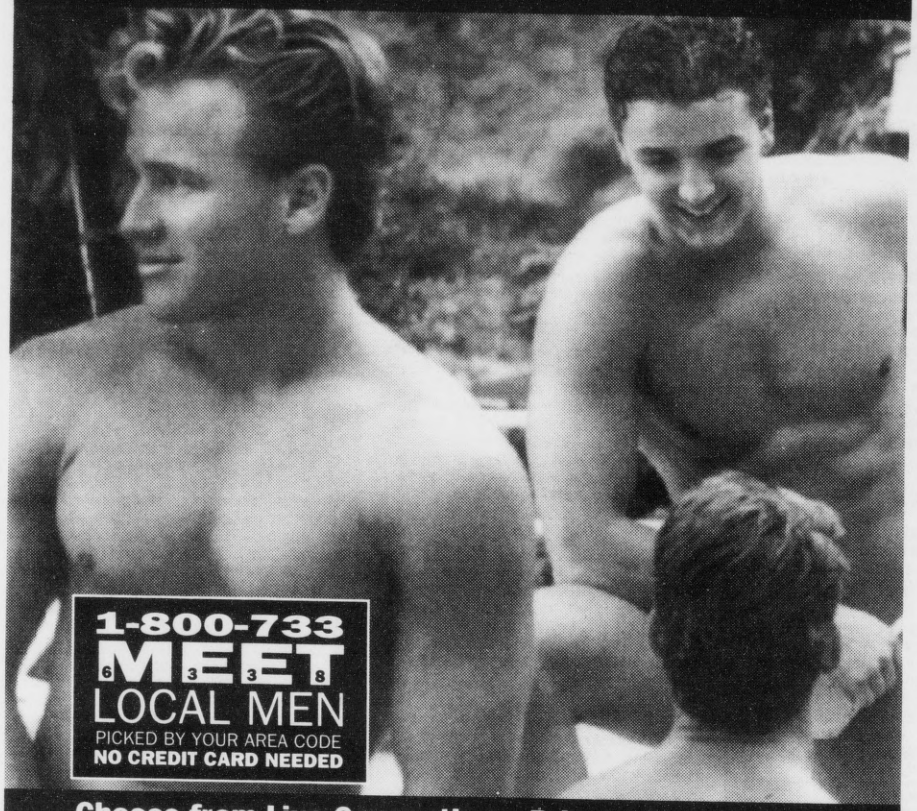

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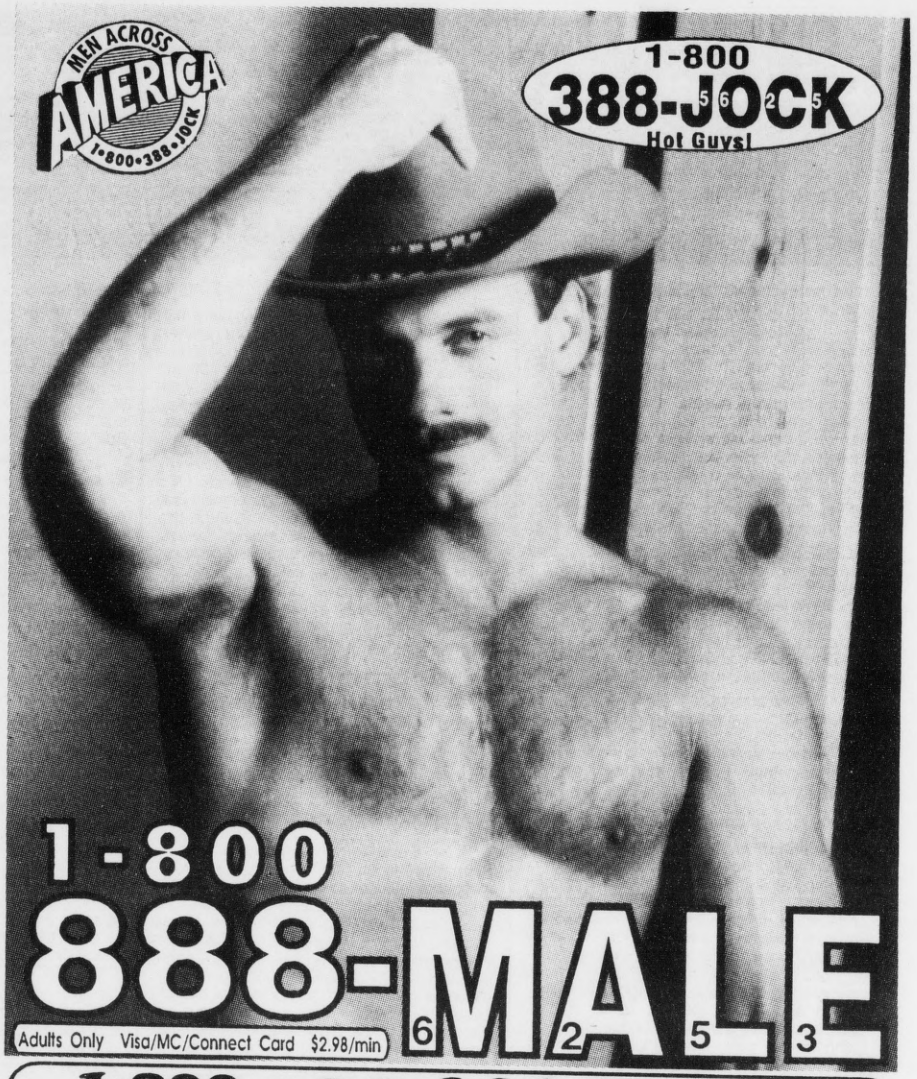

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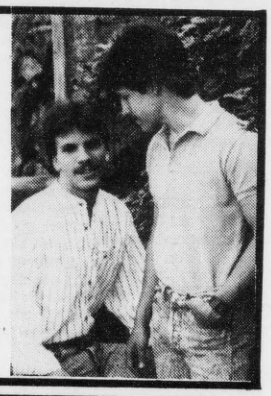

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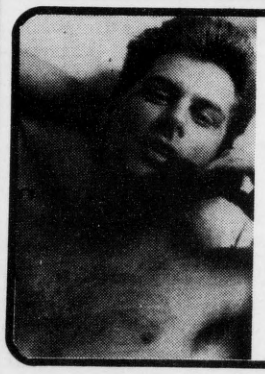

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Elite Spankers Wanted
Native American, 30 yrs old, 5′4″ tall, 130 lbs, likes spanking white, Asian, Latino only, or getting spanked. Under 30. I'm clean, smooth, muscular legs, a runner from Reno-Tahoe area. Let's get together. I travel down to SF 2 times a month. I can take it with pants on or off, over the knee or desk. "How about you?" Reply BT Box SP100A or call ★★9790.

Prof., 29, GWM, lives in Palo Alto. Interested in meeting men with both feet on ground, growing, well-rounded, love life and yourself. I'm happy with myself, accept others, look forward to continued growth. Would like to share a lifetime with someone special! Like music, art, outdoors, sailing, biking, animals, ocean, cultural variety! Call ★★9791.

GJM Seeks The Usual:
Broadway musicals, severe spanking, and frequent trips to Idaho. No weirdos. I'm 25, HIV-, in-shape, educated and smart, attractive, witty, professional, into my job, friends and the outdoors, looking for a bright man, 25-35, who has a pretty amazing life resume, to-do list, self-image and self-portrait (in that order). Call ★★9792.

Nice Guys Kiss Best
Nonsmoker seeks same for nights of necking, days of discourse, tons of travel, many movies & cuddling during election returns. Basic stats: 38, 6 ft., 212 lbs., moustache, hirsute, blue eyes, golden brown thinning hair, HIV-, exclusively oral. Clean and sober eight years plus, one day at a time. Compatibility in areas of affection, communication, sense of humor & value systems essential. Hawaiian honeymoon, anyone? Call now! Call ★★9793.

Latin
Very handsome, very built, masculine, straight-acting man, 29, 5′10″, 165, serious gym person, fitness person, visiting area monthly, looking to meet men (similar age and type). Not looking to meet San Francisco atypical gay men. Masculine, white bodybuilders preferred. Call ★★9794.

Handsome, Masculine Man Wanted
To explore relationship possibilities. I enjoy the great outdoors, bicycling, hiking, backpacking. Looking to meet fit, straight-appearing guy, 24-40, nonsmoker, HIV-, easygoing, with weekends free. I'm 32, tall, lean, live in SF, but don't go to bars. I'd like my companion to be positive, energetic, honest, monogamous, environmentally conscious, and my best friend. Call ★★9795.

I Don't Do Windows
Young, cut, fit Asian male, 23, 5′6″, seeks handsome, clean-cut, fit, white guy, 20-29, to top. You heard me. I'm sick of seeing ads from 50-yr-old white men looking for submissive Asian houseboys. Sorry guys, colonialism is over. I'm looking for a nice, hot guy (or two) my age to share fun times and possibly romance. So if you want a mail order bride, call somebody else. But if you'd like to hang out and play with a fun guy, you know the number. Call ★★9796.

Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams
GWM, 41, beard, hairy, gym-toned, versatile, not interested in roles but equality in the man I love. Healthcare worker, live in Marin, work in the City. Funny, irreverent, underneath the layers beats a caring, kind heart seeking an enlightened man, hairy preferred, someone to sleep next to and wake up to and help me understand the madness—a good man for a good man. HIV-. Call ★★9797.

In Knightly Quest
55 y.o., 6′2″, 220 lbs., hairy, moustache, brown eyes, short graying thinning brown hair, non-user, HIV-, FP/A, GA, strong sex drive. Serious, quiet, intelligent seeker, involved with profession, 12-step programs, and simple pleasures of modest urban lifestyle, especially symphony, opera, film and books. Searching for the treasure of a compatible, appropriate other to explore committed loving. Please send picture and letter to PO Box 640253, SF 94164-0253.

Wanted
For sweaty nights, morning entwined, and other lascivious activities: one Latino playmate/lover. Physical characteristics include dark hair, toned body, smooth skin, nice hands, 5′7″-6′, 140-180 lbs., great looks, sexy beyond compare. Shows interest in the arts, life, fun, adventure, romance. Armed with sensual lips, bedroom eyes, caressing hands and a warm heart. Reward: one way cute Anglo male with terrific smile, unconventional lifestyle, insatiable libido, relaxed disposition. Call ★★9798.

Older Men Wanted
WM, 20, 5′8″, 150 lbs., good-looking, fit, seeks older guys, 35+, for safe, sane, sensual sex. I like 'staches, beards, broad shoulders and hairy chests. I want a masc., gentle, nice guy that is HIV-. No games and hassle-free. Discretion assured. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ultimately want monogamous relationship, but until I find the right man, anything goes or cums. Cops, blue-collar, white-collar, military, all great. Call ★★9799.

"Let's Fall In Love"
San Jose GWM, 31, 6′, slim, HIV-, seeking "someone to watch over me" "as time goes by" but "I can't get started" unless "you're the top." You: 25-36, humorous, caring, physically/emotionally "together," any race (especially Asian/Hispanic). Likes: Bullwinkle, baseball, "Jeopardy," music (from Mozart to Motown, Basie to B-52s), theater/art, exploring SF, casual/quiet times. Dislikes: bars, smoking, egotism, mendacity, airheads, asparagus. Call ★★9800.

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Asian Seeks Friends
Athletic and attractive Asian, 25, who is sincere and fun-loving, wants friendships to enjoy life and sex. You are under 47, masculine, fit, well-proportioned, active, caring, romantic, top/bottom, hairy-chested, muscular and moustache a plus. I like reading, sports, music, traveling, nature. Let's build a fantasy together so we can walk into it hand in hand. Reply PO Box 18053, San Jose 95158 or call ★★9802.

In A Bar Or Through An Ad?
How can I meet an attractive, stable man (any race/ethnicity) with a winning smile, a good personality, an easygoing spirit, sexually top, my age or younger, who'd like to date? I'm a GWM, 42, 5′8″, 158 lbs., bld-brn/brn, moustache, considered attractive (HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, live in SF). Work in education; value communication, romance, loyalty, sincerity, stability; enjoy fun times (indoors/outdoors), people/friends, eating out, theater, movies, new adventures, nurturing sex, travel. Can I meet you through this ad, because I'm not good at cruising bars? Reply BT Box SP101A or call ★★9803.

Still Looking (Cause I'm Picky!)
GWM, look 40 (age 53), 5′7″, 140#, brn/gray, blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV-, masculine, nice looking, well-built, 6½″ cut, nonsmoker, seeks romantic interlude and possible relationship. You: 21-40, slim, masculine, cute, HIV-, preferably drug-free, nonsmoker and relocatable to South Bay. Photo exchange required. Write D.T., PO Box 620, Redwood Estates, CA 95044. Prefer white/Black/Hispanic. I have hairy chest and am Greek active, French active/passive.

Are You All Belly?
Is your belly your most prominent feature? Does it stick out over your jeans? Would you enjoy fucking a well-built, 32-year-old, GWM, who has a nice ass? If so, and you are under 49, then this handsome, masculine man, who is 6′2″, 180, brown/blue, short beard, wants to hear from you now! Call ★★9804.

Likeable Men Sought
Cute, 30-year-old man seeks men with diverse interests for enjoyable dates and fun-loving activities. Depending on the moment, that might mean swimming in the Russian River; baking soft pretzels, making popcorn and watching 1940s melodrama videos; getting stoned and interrogating the conditions under which systematicity is possible; going to an abortion rights march; and so on. If this sounds like your cup of fur, please call ★★9805.

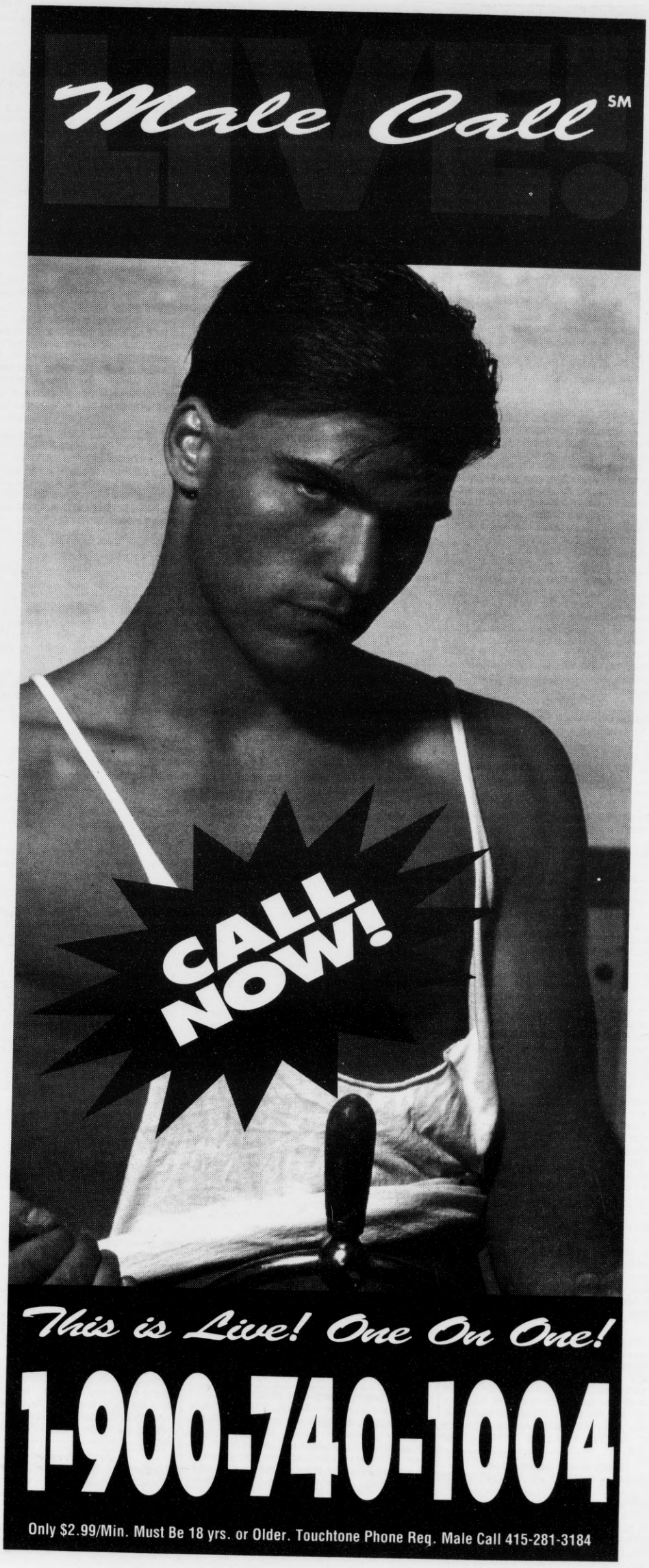
Dating Material
The biological clock is ticking! Mom keeps asking when I'm going to meet a nice boy and settle down. It's a good question. I'm 28, a Southern guy, 5′10″, 145, dark hair, hazel eyes, short beard. Looking for guys 25-32, who can relate to another intelligent, masculine, attractive guy with a great sense of humor. I'm looking for a particular guy, not a particular look. Do it for Mom! Reply BT Box SP102A or call ★★9806.

Process, Sensuality And No Beef
We love to process and are ready to take the risk of being vulnerable with each other by being honest with what we're feeling. Now that we're in our thirties (I'll be 37 in October) or early forties, we want hot, physical sensuality which evolves into passionate lovemaking as time goes on. Awareness of racism and sexism, and regular exercise, are important to us. We like the outdoors and our careers. I'm white, 6′, blue/brown, HIV-, 167 lbs., a vegetarian, and good-looking. I'm attracted to skin darker than mine or a white man with dark features. Call ★★9807.

My Pussy Mouth On Your Cock
This clean GWM, 39, 6′, 175 lbs., HIV+, who is hard-bodied, hairy and hung big is a talented cocksucker, who wants to give up his ass for your pleasure. I'm seeking GA, FP guys who like tits, in Modesto and surrounding areas. Will travel to the Bay Area for your hot cock. All races encouraged. Photo appreciated, but not mandatory. Tell me what you want, man! Reply BT Box SP103A or call ★★9808.

East Bay Sensuality
I'm a 40-yr-old, handsome, masculine, balding, 5′8″, 142 lbs, HIV-, Italian American. I enjoy the outdoors, beach, hiking, biking, working out, cooking, massage, movies & quiet evenings at home. If you share similar interests & are a nonsmoker, 30-45 yrs, honest, sense of humor, compassionate, dependable, communicative & are not afraid to explore romance & intimacy, call ★★9809.

Slim And Foreign-Born?
Sincere WM, 42, 6′2″, 171 lbs., trim, HIV-, cleanshaven, caring, seeks slim or skinny, any race,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18-33, for friend, brother or possible lover. Plus if you exercise, are somewhat boyish looking, fairly nonhairy and don't like bars. I enjoy having warmhearted friend who is affectionate in nature. "Friendship first." Enjoy mutual massage, like Asian culture. Call ★★9810.

Brainy Bottom Wants Butch Top

You're in your 30s to early 40s and definitely like your bottoms brainy and older than you. Me, I'm 52, 6', 160 lbs., HIV- and, though very intellectual, love being a bottom in bed. I want to be a Judy Garland to your Sid Luft—know what I mean? Interested in a long-term arrangement? Real butch guys preferred, good-natured a plus. Call ★★9811.

I Like Ass

This GWM, attractive, top, 40, 6'5", 200 pounds, is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a safe ride. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, with a hungry butt. If you have a hard-on from reading this ad, better call now! Call ★★9812.

Couples Seek Couples

For friends to share fun times and places. Together for long-time, seek to expand circle of friends. Live South Bay and San Francisco. Like movies, outdoors, travel, clubs and open to new ideas. Us: 30s. You: any age. Interest to share and enjoy life most important. We like people. PO Box 2683, Fremond 94536 or call ★★9813.

Looking For Love

I'm a good-looking GWM, 35, 6 ft. tall, 190 lbs., blue eyes, dark hair and moustache, and look Italian. I'm interested in white Caucasian and Hispanic men. I'm also HIV+ and would require the same of my partner. My interests are music, travel, romantic times at home, going out to eat, movies, etc. Smoking is a definite turn-off, and so is heavy drug use. Social alcohol drinking is fine. I'm looking for friends first, relationships second. If you like what you hear, please contact me. Call ★★9814.

Maybe It's You And I

GWM, 31, 6'1", 165#, lt brn/grn, handsome, fit, HIV-, college educated, professional, with a disability, seeks a nonsmoking, drug-free GM, 25-35, who is fit, healthy, HIV-, handsome, sincere, caring and trustworthy, who also wishes to build a monogamous relationship. We both would enjoy working out, weekend getaways, dancing, dining out, visiting with friends and, of course, spending time alone with each other. Call ★★9815.

California Dream'n/NY State Of Mind

GWM, 39, who looks a very handsome 33, stands 5'11" at 165 slim, defined lbs., has all his ash blond hair, hazel eyes, is quite emotionally available. That's right, guys! This ex-model/actor from NYC has just finished a full 9 month run of "Single in SFO." Yeah... it's been a blast, but "Standing & Modeling" gets old real fast. I'm seeking a role that offers far more depth and lets me express mmy real talents like: honesty, consistency... and for the right guy—monogamy. That's right! He's looking to settle down again! What I am looking for in you is cute, slender 22 to 32ish looking. Yeah... kind of "twinkish" but with more than just cream filling between your ears. That's just the visual type that gets you the audition. The character profile and what really matters is as follows: You know what you want and are able to reach out and risk asking that your needs get fulfilled. Intimacy and commitment don't make you flee in terror. You are securely independent and like yourself. You are HIV- or HIV+. Doesn't matter to me, because the guy I am looking for has the depth and common sense to transcend the issue. I've scored too many of you "cuties" on safe one-nighters... that's too easy. So if you are aware enough to know that there are more real ways to validate yourself, or for that matter even have a clue what I'm talking about... Call ★★9816.

Topman Seeks Boyfriend

Very together, x-nice, HIV- man, 48, with blond hair, blue eyes, lives on Peninsula, seeks a healthy bottom guy (50-100 percent OK) for hot times in and out of bed. Must not be involved and have strong needs. Because I am a very caring, loving man that hates bars and baths. Live in possible. No games or B.S., please, it's gotten real old. C.R., 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★9817. Must send #.

Maybe This Time

If you think you're worth more than a one-night stand, you're caring, romantic, deeply passionate, well-built, a top type, call me. GWM, 40, very well-built, very handsome, dark brown hair, smooth-tan, 165, sexy, HIV-, bottom type, mature, animal lover, 5'10", young at heart, look great in Speedos, leather or tux, transplanted Los Angeleno. Call ★★9818.

Master Seeks Slave

To train/own for service of master's every desire. My fantasies will become your life—chained, collared to please. Cage, dungeon, cross, whips, are tools to train oral slave to take it all. Dominating master will mold and create a slave who focuses on his service to master. No BS—no nonsense rules/respect of purpose taught. Experience required—masculine submissive sought. PO Box 14843, SF 94114 or call ★★9819.

Daddy Seeks Submissive

For training in sexual/sensual world of service to a man. Service and pleasing a man is an art form taught by strict, caring daddy who uses rewards and punishments to show submissive the creative use of bondage, cages, collar and toys. Daddy molds and sculptures a tool to use for his pleasure. Your chance to shine and learn your place is here. PO Box 420927, SF 94142-0927 or call ★★9820.

Akbar Seeks Jeff

QWM, 65, 6', 195, HIV-, healthy, active, curious, easygoing, shy, masculine, retired professional, sensual and caring, seeks lively nonsmoker, kindred spirit for friendship, fun, frolics and what may develop. Any race, age OK. I enjoy books, music, outdoors, long walks, cooking, brewing, theater, travel and the Far Side. Letter and recent photo (returned) get same. Reply BT Box SP104A or call ★★9821.

March On Washington

I'm going and would like to go with a boyfriend. Let's get to know each other and build up something special by April 25. I'm 28, 6'2", 170#, br/gr, trim, attractive. You're similar age, fun-loving, caring and not looking for Instant Relationship but wanna work on it. C'mon! I wanna make out on Capitol Hill in front of a million queers! Call ★★9822.

Older, Manly, Burly, Smart WM Wanted

You are fiftysomething (late 40s/early 60s OK), professional, tall, beefy (not flabby), blond/silver (bald OK), blue-eyed (green/hazel OK), clean-shaven (moustache OK), healthy (active/exercised, nutrition-conscious, nonsmoker, non-abuser), cultured, no-nonsense liberal, aesthetic. You are interested in self-realization, enjoy outdoor activities (hiking, skiing), sophisticated entertainment and affectionate intimacy. I'm Caucasian, 42, 6'2", 180, dark-haired, brown-eyed, well-built, good-looking, healthy, top (flexible), professional. Friendship would be great, including hot safe sex; however, my ideal is a permanent, caring, passionate relationship. Send recent picture (returned). Reply BT Box SP105A or call ★★9823.

No Time For Love

But oh yes I do want it, and how! Erratic work schedule/demanding hobbies keep my social schedule from coinciding with others. But I'm staying in the hunt! HIV-, 31, WM, 6', 150, sexy, good-looking, wants to spend time with another sexy, caring, fun, responsible man. Eating is a great favorite pastime but I would really like to learn basketball or hip-hop. Anybody like to teach? Let's go! Reply BT Box SP106A or call ★★9824.

Sleazy Old Thing

55, white beard, long bleached hair, sex maniac, big uncut thang, artist, not your standard product. Particularly attracted to men of Japanese and Korean heritage, especially dark, short, chubby, uncut, around my age. Like serious music, working with my hands, fixing up old house, old movies, sci fi, varied sex. Straight-acting, religious monogamists please look elsewhere. Interested? Send note, filthy pic to PO Box 5241, Berkeley 94705.

Ceci N'est Pas Une Sex Ad

GM, 31, 5'9", 145, Mediterranean background, handsome, nice tan line, thick average length dick, sexually versatile and open to some experimentation. Interested in meeting guys over 6' tall for safe and fun moments with our clothes off. Prefer within 10 years of my age, trim build, nice looks. Especially like natural blonds with blue eyes, dark Mediterraneans, nipple play, face-fucking, and many other people and things. Call ★★9825.

Straight Talk

GWM, brn/blue, 5'11", 165, 41, looks 30s, with sense of humor, good body, brain and heart, strong massage hands, good-looking, active lovemaker. Enjoys the country by car or bike and the City's bookstores, cafes, cinemas and sometimes dance halls. Well-travelled with hunger for more. Looking for honest, attractive man in decent shape, 30-45, with that light in his eyes and hope in his heart. I see you in many places and you are curious too. Reply BT Box SP107A or call ★★9826.

Big Belly

Big cock & balls, on solid, not fat, WM, 5'11", 185, 44, HIV-. Seeks slender WM, HIV-, who enjoys above type men. Relationship poss., but not required. All responses answered. Call ★★9827.

Increase The Peace!

U R invited 2 contact healthy, handsome, active guy, 6', 170 lbs. Open-hearted, happy, communicative and loving, seeks same for friendship & fun. U: lean or muscular, my size, grown-up but playful, sensitive but masculine (like me). Men of color encouraged, white boys too. Moi? Affectionate, blond, unconventional, HIV-, in great shape w/sense of humor. Into aerobic walking, cycling, cuddling, sleep-overs, hot, safe, versatile sex & more. Open 2 relationship... bed buddy, (boy)friend, lover, husband... (versatile) you name it. Jump! PO Box 882872, SF 94188.

Clean-Cut Motorcycle Guy

6'1", br/br, 190#, athletic, muscular, masculine, ex-Marine, college football, nonsmoker, no drugs/alcohol abuse. Love & own a motorcycle. Seek GWM younger than me with a motorcycle jacket. PO Box 14241, SF 94114 or call ★★9828.

Handsome, Hairy And Muscular Guy

Honest, easygoing and friendly, 5'10", 34, seeks another good-looking guy for workouts, massage (?), biking, exploring the City with. Dark-haired guys with hairy chest/stomach a real turn-on! I'm new to SF and want to meet some quality friends. Call and tell me a bit about yourself and how we can connect. Discretion assured. Call ★★9829.

Great Oral Service

For GW men, 40-55, clean, cut, healthy, masculine, nice body, who enjoy great oral workouts. I'm clean, cut, masculine, healthy, 5'9", 155 lbs., good-looking, discreet, mature, available evenings after 6:30 pm all week, Saturday thru Tuesday days. Drug and alcohol-free, but hungry to orally serve you. Reply BT Box SP108A or call ★★9830.

Rats Live On No Evil Star

Some facts about me: I'm a card-carrying member of the ACLU, a vegetarian, a NY Times/Nation junkie, and a cat owner. Not a fashion plate but not dowdy either. An information collector who loves to share my discoveries. Have an on-again/off-again relationship with the gym. Like old movies, eggplant, palindromes, and many other things. I'm usually intelligent, handsome and interesting, but occasionally I'm stupid, ugly and boring. Extraneous characteristics: 5'8", 140, br/br, 32, dark tan. If you are a basically good person, somehow handsome, intelligent and you have a social conscience, well, let's meet. I especially like men with good posture, sideburns, an inquisitive nature and a big shoe size. But, really, I like all kinds of men. (No neo-conservatives, though, or other little foxes that destroy the vines.) Reply BT Box SP109A or call ★★9831.

Single White Male

44, 6'2", 258 lbs., hazel, brown, moustache, (I like working out), seeks a relationship with an honest, sincere, sharing, healthy, HIV-, lean man, 18-30. I love intimacy, hiking and mountain biking in my West Marin community (surrounded by the Point Reyes National Seashore). I also enjoy the Macintosh computer. Allow me to show you how to move my mouse! PO Box 835, Inverness, CA 94937-0835.

Masculine Italian

6'2", husky build, dark eyes & hair, moustache, young 40s, hairy chest, straight-looking, healthy HIV+, considered good-looking, happy, outgoing & successful. Seeking a slim, masculine man who has a positive outlook on life. Some of my interests include traveling, carpentry, gardening, movies, music, friends, reading & walks on the beach. Reply 1547, Palos Verdes Mall #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★9832.

Liberal European, 54, seeks similar for a loving & symbiotic union based on fun & communication. Age, guise & ability not important. Write: PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063 or call ★★9833.

The Nasty Anyone

Really cute, 28, 6'1", 185, brn/brn, very sexual, extremely shy (except in bed), quiet type, returning student, tired of solo—too shy to mingle at clubs, but want cute sex buddy, bottom, a real guy, shy (except in bed). Looking for GWM/GLM, 23-35, who also wants hot sex yet doesn't go to clubs and isn't weird. Try me. Call ★★9834.

Where Are They?

38 y.o., GWM (looks 30), 5'8", 150, br/blue, muscular, cleanshaven, professional, asks, "Are you spending time on weekends alone bar hopping or out with good friends, i.e., dateless?" Are you attractive, cleanshaven, professional, financially secure, live in SF but can't find anybody to date? Must workout, love dogs (no cats), CW dancing, travel. Be comfortable in tux or sweats. Call ★★9835.

Relationship Possibilities

Handsome, masculine, professional WM, SF resident, young 39, 6', 150 lbs., brown/green, trim beard, smooth chest/hairy legs, wants to meet a WM, mid-30s to early-40s, tall (5'9"+), with a slim/swimmer's build (hairy chest or legs a must!). We are nonsmokers, light drinkers, healthy, HIV-, stable, variety of interests including homelife, enjoy our lives/careers/friends, ready to date and see what develops. Call ★★9836.

Body And Soul?

Asian, Latin or ?, 20-35; good-looking and good-natured, ethnic food, xx-fantasy but also seeking more serious Partner (or just friends—all types) ... music (pop, jazz, gospel, etc.), philosophy, Kierkegaard, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Chaplin, the Far Side, Peter North, Kirk Cummings. No heavy alcohol/drugs. I'm WM, 29, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★9837.

Are You Out There?

I'm looking for a relationship with a trim GWM that enjoys the company of an affectionate older brother type. I'm 38, 5'10", 170#, brn/green & furry. Prefer a fairhaired, masculine, mature, 25-35-year-old, that is stable, employed, healthy and seeking a relationship. Is this you? Please call ★★9838.

Santa Rosa

I'm new in town, and looking for bears who like hiking, camping and just hanging out. Would like to connect on more than sexual level, in no particular hurry to jump in the sack. Prefer nonsmoker and no daddy trips. My stats: 5'7", 135, 38, hairy, bearded, seropositive, well-defined body, bottom (but not all the time), retired pagan, practicing Catholic, socially conscious, energetic, drive pick up. Letters, photos: B.V., PO Box 1002, Sausalito 94966 or call ★★9839.

Creative Couples

Tall, trim, muscular, swimmer boy, 30s, curious, looking for hot, hard couples, HIV-, looking to share & expand horizons. Help me to explore B/D, light S/M, toys, role plays. Smooth bodies, muscles a+. How about a photo and ideas? Respond: Boxholder, #251, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114.

Just A Regular Guy...

Looking for another regular guy like myself. I'm a handsome, 37 y.o., GWM, 5'10", 175 lbs., HIV-, with a very muscular build. I have a great job, own my own condo and work hard to make a good living. I have lots of friends, but that special someone has already eluded me. Not that I expect this ad to change my life, but I guess you never know unless you give it a try. I'm attracted to men aged 25-45, with a great smile, a muscular build, a good sense of humor, and a secure future. So, to all you "regular guys" out there who may have read these ads in the past but didn't respond for one reason or another (like me, many times) why not give this guy a shout or send me a note and tell me about yourself? Hopefully we'll both be pleasantly surprised. Reply BT Box SP110A or call ★★9840.

Attractive Thin Italian Boy

Is what I am. What I am not is a muscleman. If you are attracted to young, cute, slim guys, keep reading. I am 22, 5'10", 125 lbs., HIV-, brn eyes, and have nice, dark hair. I would like to meet a stable friendship/relationship-oriented GWM or Latin between 20-30 who is attractive and has many interests like myself. Sincere only! Call ★★9841.

Sausalito Cyclist, Sept. 1

We exchanged (numerous) looks outside Houlihan's; I was too shy to approach while you were in the group at the bicycles. I looked for you, but I think you left on the San Francisco ferry. I'd like another chance. Call ★★9842.

GBM Cub Seeks GWM Bear

Masculine, bearded, GBM, 31, 6'3", 220#, HIV-, cub seeks very masculine G/BiWM daddy top bear, 45-65 years old, around 6 ft., solid, burly, big-bellied, 250-300 #; very thick bearded, hairy, blue-collar/trucker/biker/businessman types; bald a plus, HIV-; for male bonding, football watching, etc. Reply w/photo (if possible) to PO Box 21633, Concord 94521.

Literate Boy Scout

I am the Eagle Scout boys dream about—friendly, cheerful, cleanshaven and handsome. 6', 165, 40. Would like to meet cultured, neat, well-mannered, young man. Must be in shape, 25-35, 5'8" to 6'2", attractive, bright and HIV+. Letter or photo gets like reply. Reply BT Box SP111A or call ★★9843.

Friends First

GWM, 43, 5'9", 145 lbs., moustache, brown hair (losing it), blue eyes, fit, psychologically mature and aware, honest, Jewish (you don't have to be), financially stable, nonsmoker, lite drinker, HIV-, somewhat shy, regular guy. My friends tell me I'm attractive (some say handsome, others say cute), funny, a good storyteller, a good listener, supportive, intelligent, easy to be with. I'm looking for a man with similar qualities who is willing (really) to take the time to become friends first and then see what develops. Please write and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box SP112A.

Athletic

& recreation oriented. Biking, hiking, volleyball, skiing—you name it, let's play. I like the outdoors & also fun indoor sports. Cooking, arts, symphony, ballet are also hobbies. Like me you're intelligent, healthy, athletic & fun-loving. Basic stats: 6', 165#, br/bl, olive complexion, great shape. Call ★★9844.

Weekend Boyfriend Wanted

GWM, 47, 6', 185, bl/bl, half Norwegian and look it, FrA/P, GrA/P, looking for men 40-60 with bushy beards and hippy attitude. NS (weed OK). I want a man who knows who he is and what he wants and who likes to cuddle as much as he likes sex. Red or gray beards a+. Reply BT Box SP113A or call ★★9845.

Outlaws

The law waits for you to stumble on a mode of being, as soul different from the FDA-approved purple-stamped standard flesh—and as soon as you begin to act in harmony with nature the law garottes and strangles you. So don't play the blessed, liberal, middle-class martyr—accept the fact that you're a criminal and be prepared to act like one. QBM, 31, 140, 5'9", seeking a partner in crime with a history of repeat offenses. Call ★★9846.

Fun And Love

But honesty and friendship first. Very attractive, intelligent, well-travelled, 27 y.o. musician (classical), easygoing, wicked sense of humor, loves people, opera, dancing, Lucy show, good food, outdoors, TV/movies. Very tall, romantic, fit, healthy, mature, but spontaneous and tunza fun! I'm Asian, but don't let that fool you; I'm not quite what you'd expect. Prefer similar HIV- GWM under 40, but, hey, nothing ventured, nothing gained. C'mon it's worth a call! Call ★★9847.

Now's Your Chance...

Young, handsome, professional, African American male, new to city, seeks other good-looking young professionals for friendship, dating and possibly more. I'm an ambitious, energetic and creative guy who enjoys working out, dancing, museums, music, the outdoors and writing my own novels. Someday someone's going to write my life's story, and if you're a 24-35-yr-old, bright and motivated boy-next-door kind of guy who's interested in spending time with me, you could be a part of it. Italian or Latin males are a plus. Reply BT Box SP114A or call ★★9848.

Really Cute? Great Kisser?

Hot, young, white male with very handsome, cleanshaven, boy-next-door looks, wanted by similar boyishly handsome, cleanshaven, white male, young 30s, 6'1", 165 lbs., with green eyes, brown hair, masculine and really hung. Let's have fun with hours long sessions of making out, mutual J/O, hot, boyish, non-anal sex. Call ★★9849.

Transmitting Channels Open

Six-foot, blond, blue, 185, thirty-some, HIV-, NS, preppy, pagan, Celtic/Germanic, Scorpio-3, red galactic serpent, cut, equipped, versatile top (bottom), quiet, wile, resonant, intelligent, playful, non-pretentious, orchid-raising, sunrise haleakala, swimming with dolphins, year-one, 4 quartets, queer poets, queen of the night, unleash the queen, Stravinsky, "Faith-No-More," bodywork, crunches, zazen, kissing (earth), necklock, body-hug, tit-play, crying/laughing, silent-no-more, journeying, opening-now. Call ★★9850.

Young And Queer

QWM looking for guys up to 25 years old. I'm a boyishly cute, thin, open-minded musician in my 20s. Some of the things that turn me on are smooth chests, baby faces and big dicks. However, a good personality is just as important. If this sounds interesting, write. Reply BT Box SP115A or call ★★9851.

Dream Upon a Star!

I'm a professional, financially secure, 50 y.o., healthy HIV+, GW gentle man. Med. build and height. Seeking partner for cultural events and fun and support for my community involvement, and possible relationship. Enjoy vanilla sex. No drugs, includ. cigarettes. Let's make dreams come true and stars connect! Call ★★9852.

The ideal man: Noam Chomsky's brain trapped in Brad Pitt's body. Will settle for different. Queer 20ish Asian with bizarre, unexplainable Kevin Costner fetish looking for whatever. Turn-ons: Progressive politics; newsjunkies; book boffos; artist/writer-types; goatees, stubble & general fuzziness; tattoos; piercings; hunks with muscular arms (okay, so there's a shallow streak somewhere here...); good smoochers; men who drive me wherever I wanna go.... Turn-offs: Orientalists; smokers (smooching one's like falling face-down into a tar pit...); white guilt; liberal guilt; Republicans; new agers; gum-chewers; big hair; men who were "of color" in their past lives and are nostalgic now (yawn).... Likes: cats; coffee; breakfast weiners; sweaty fucking.... Loathes: housecleaning; mint; foofy, squishy, fruit desserts. Call ★★9853.

Good-Looking GAM

Seeking in-shape, HIV- GWM for friendship and more. You should be nonsmoker and light or non-drinker. I'm short, educated, well-proportioned, friendly, easy to get along with, and a good conversationalist. Enjoy C&W dancing, opera, theater, PBS programs, classical music, full leather, tall boots, police uniforms, hiking & exercise. Call ★★9854.

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 34 y.o., 5'11", 165#, looking for in-shape guys with nice, round butts that need to be put over my knee for a good, old-fashioned spanking. Safe, erotic, butt play OK too. Reply with photo to PO Box 14581, SF 94114 or call ★★9855.

Hot Leather Top

Seeks hot leather bottom for dating, romance and ultimately monogamous relationship. GWM, 35, 6'2", 175 lbs. (slender), brn/brn, moustache. Interests: classical music, railroads, computers, Star Trek, sitcoms, etc. Turn-ons: intelligence, civility, commitment, honesty. Turn-offs: attitude, sarcasm, drugs, flakiness, yuppiness, blubber, grampas. Desirable, handsome, HIV- lover material awaits same. You can also write with returnable photo to find out more. No S/M "scenes." Please be age, weight, height proportionate. Reply BT Box SP116A or call ★★9856.

HIV+ Latin, Asian, Etc.?

GWM, 38, seeks safe, sane fun with a smooth Latin, Asian, Italian, etc. I'm hairy, hung, called attractive and love to show a smooth backside a great time. Completely smooth is very hot! I'm also a passionate kisser, stocky and masculine. Right now I'm only looking for a safe HIV partner for hot times, but, who knows? Call ★★9857.

From Top To Bottom

The virus hasn't changed my deep blue eyes, set against dark locks and moustache, eyes that admire olive-to-dark-brown males. Kisses, touching deeply, holding you closer—soft, abundant body hair, brushes your smooth, satin skin. Sensitivity, tenderness, surrender to passion—sensing your pleasure, kisses become dominant, raising temperatures, gaining my entrance. The virus hasn't changed my desire for you—or yours for me. Call ★★9858.

Special Intimate Friendship

Sought by good-looking, professional GWM, 32, 5'11", in-shape, HIV-, cleanshaven, dark blond/blue eyes, nonsmoker, light drinker; enjoys sports, day trips, social stuff and lots of affection/passion. You: GWM/GLM, good-looking, age 5 years ± of mine, possessing both brain and loving heart. Chronological age not as important as a young, in-shape look. Preference toward thin, taller guys (5'9"+) with life experience, versatility, and a future, maybe with me (two as "we" are better than a one). It's worth it; so, with a letter and photo, please reply BT Box SP117A or call ★★9859.

Serious Relationship

I'm interested in developing a serious, intimate relationship with someone of similar values. I'm 45, 5'7", slim, European-born, Jewish, HIV-, and an artist. Shared intersts are less important than chemistry, but some of mine include art, films, reading, travel, the outdoors and learning about other cultures and languages. If this sounds interesting to you and you are between 40-50, perhaps we could meet for coffee and see how things go. Call ★★9860.

The Spark

It begins with a primitive chemical response: You just know the spark is there. It's in the way we react to each other; it's in the eyes. Trust is not an issue. We know how to treat each other: a cherished individual; generosity to care and love supports the relationship. Ideally your age is compatible with the interests and aspirations of an HIV-, 36-year-old, 5'11", 172 pound, athletic,

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Sex Buddy Wanted

You: Latino/Asian/Black, very slender, defined, smooth, stable, FrA/P, GrP. Me: QWM, 38, husky, bearded "bear" type, 5'11", 190 lbs.; HIV-; nonsmoker, like cuddling, kissing, FrA/P, GrA. Us: Get together for occasional safe sex (could be ongoing), no heavy relationship or time commitment desired. Prefer East Bay. Call ★★9862.

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Or just the ones with catchy headlines? GWM, 36, 5'8", 140#, fit, professional, good sense of humor. Likes reading, Van Morrison, exertion and other unspeakable delights. Looking for GAM, 25-40, with job, smarts, varied interests, good body and some sense of the absurd. For relationship or other. Call ★★9863.

Chinese Student, New In Town

GAM, 5'8", 142 lbs., 28 years old, nonsmoker, attractive, good-looking, intelligent, smooth body with gorgeous, hairy legs. I am currently a full-time student in GGU, new in San Francisco and the USA too. Seek friendship and possible relationship with GWM who shall be sincere, caring, romantic, well-built, under 40, and masculine. Yes, masculine is a Must! Butch only. No drugs and no games, please! Call ★★9864.

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Nerdy Punk Hates Everybody

I'm sick of everybody in this town thinking they are so fucking cool. I am goofy as hell and proud of it. But I also am thoughtful and want to fuck with society and try to make the world better (although sometimes I wish it would be destroyed by another giant meteor). Maybe you can help me. L, from the Chameleon, I think you are cute. Call ★★9866.

Barely A Bear?

Not so hairy but certainly husky WM, fortysomething, wants interesting friends for city outings or trips away. I am masculine, loyal, friendly, intelligent, tall, overweight and good-looking. I like travel, films, language, talking, mountains and deserts. You should be easygoing, funny, fit and probably younger. Open to all. Boxholder, PO Box 640016, SF 94164 or call ★★9867.

Nice Guy Seeks Same

GWM, bottom, HIV-, brown/green, 6'4", 33, 225 lbs., attractive, average build, likes swimming, scuba diving, travel, seeks soul mate for monogamous relationship. You are top, 30-40, HIV-, attractive, nice guy who enjoys cuddling, walks at the beach, movies, eating out, working out. Reply BT Box SP119A or call ★★9868.

Would Like To Find A Guy Like Me

47, lean, aerobic, calm, regular, wholesome fellow, GWM; enjoy people, sunshine, originality, gardens, simple nutrition, work, challenge, ambling with curiosity, real "hellos." Don't drink or smoke, am young for 47, HIV-. I'm an optimist, I'm breezy and I'm usually on a quest or two (or three). Would like to find a guy like me. Reply BT Box SP120A or call ★★9869.

No Expectations

HIV-, 36-year-old, 5'11", 172 pound, athletic, masculine, handsome, gym-toned, professionally employed male, aspires to bring out the best in a relationship with another similar male. Send me a note and a picture, and begin building with me. Reply BT Box SP121A or call ★★9870.

Seeking Muscular Soulmate

I am a highly educated, career-oriented professional. I am also handsome, HIV-, a nonsmoker, very youthful, 45, 5'10", athletic and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, benching 200 lbs. during my intense workouts at the gym, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, world travel, playing Mozart piano sonatas on my Steinway, and preparing delicious meals for my friends! I offer enthusiasm, a great sense of humor, as well as the desire to develop a long-term, monogamous relationship, and am seeking a partner, 25-plus and very muscular, who shares similar values and aspirations. Reply BT Box SP122A or call ★★9871.

I Used To Surf

Now I read the essays of Montaigne. I'm handsome, 37, GWM, 6', 160 lbs., HIV-. I'm an architect, speak four languages, enjoy multi-ethnic cooking, baseball and serious bicycling. After 11 years of married bliss, I'm single again. I have an enchanting smile; if you have a good sense of humor, you'll see it a lot. Call ★★9872.

Let's Have Fun

Asian cutie looking for boyfriend and/or sex buddy. I'm 5'8", 136, 30s, with a lean, defined build, seeking the same. I enjoy long walks in nature, camping, dancing, travel, working out, philosophical conversations, sensuous massage, eating, cooking, socializing with friends. I'm willing to explore, try new things and have fun. Take a chance! Call! Leave your number & I'll return your call ASAP. Call ★★9873.

Friendship First

QWM, 30, 6'3", seeks healthy, witty, smart, 25-35-yr-old, who can blow bubbles. Looking for friendship, possible relationship. I enjoy talking, listening & snuggling. You should be a free spirit willing to connect on many spiritual levels. Let's talk a bit and see where it lies. Photo appreciated & gayly returned. Call ★★9874.

Downtown Afternoon J/O

Financial district. Executive suite. Corporate image. Gray flannel suit? In-shape guy, mid-50s, sense of humor, dark moustache & beard, bald on top, slim build, nice equipment, seeks amiable companionship with private location for leisurely, reciprocal J/O session leading to magic tension release. Don't be shy—it's a sure cure for loneliness. Enthusiasm as important as age and looks. Call ★★9875.

This Renaissance Man

25, is into genealogy, Spain, Elton John, Devo, musicals, The Prophet, pop psych., anthropology, Sierra backpacking, swimming laps, NPR and sex. I feel intensely, live overresponsibly, aspire melodramatically and love gently. I'm a wide-open but non-ghettoized queer, sometimes lazy, and often naive (without realizing it!). I seek not-too-cynical GMs, mid-20s-early-30s, for genuine fooling around and hopefully more. You are trustworthy, tender, a nonsmoker. Me: W, 5'11", 190, brn/brn, buzzed hair, local boy. Sincere letter w/photo please to PO Box 14322, SF 94114—all answered, photos returned!

Interested In Dating?

This Cal student wants to meet you to hang out on evenings and weekends. We can do dinner, sports, karaoke, movies, or we can just be mellow. Me: GAM, 24, 5'10", 145. I may be reserved at first, but I can warm up if the chemistry is right. You: sweet, under 35, attitude and addiction-free, cleanshaven, HIV-, friendship/relationship-oriented, have sound mind and body. Call ★★9876.

Out Again

Good-looking, fun guy's been alone too long. Looking to date, have fun, see what develops. I'm a youthful GWM, 43, brn-gray/hazel, 6', 175#, healthy HIV+. Intelligent, self-employed designer, involved in the arts, good sense of humor. Varied interests include attending cultural events, traveling, 49ers, film & TV. Love to ride my mountain bike in GG Park or Marin. Preferably you're my age or younger, my height or shorter, cleanshaven and not a cigarette smoker or heavy drinker. Reply BT Box SP123A or call ★★9877.

Type A Meet Type B

Artist who can't balance a checkbook seeks professional who can't draw a straight line. I enjoy my friends, family, work and my art. The only thing missing is a man to share my life. I love movies, comedy, sketching, coffee and walking. Me: 26 y.o. GWM, 6'1", brown (receding) hair/green eyes, 210 lbs. (husky), with a beard. You: 26-36 y.o., stocky (firm), hairy. Write or call. Reply BT Box SP124A or call ★★9878.

Asian Friend Desired

By tall, slim, healthy, older GWM. You are attractive, trim, smooth-shaven and interested in such things as classical & folk music, Santa Cruz beaches, ballet, Muir Woods, cheap eats out, art galleries, extended, sensual kissing. Maybe you are seeking a sincere, romantic relationship or maybe just a comrade, but either way I'd like to meet you. Write PO Box 191082, SF 94105 or call ★★9879.

Black Seeks Older Bearded Male

For relationship. I'm 30, 5'7", 145 lbs., slim, HIV-, masculine, good-looking and tired of being alone. I enjoy travel, camping, hiking, movies, cooking, video, etc. Currently working, but planning on returning to school. You should be HIV-, masculine, honest, easy to get along with, able to communicate your feelings and, most importantly, ready to settle down with a really nice guy. Blue collar, full beard, hairy and husky are all big pluses. Will respond to all serious replies. S., PO Box 28641, Oakland 94604 or call ★★9880. Photo?

Light Black Man Needed

Hot, passionate, x-nice, healthy, 6'1", 220#, blue-eyed, blond, butt-slammer, 48, seeks light, bottom, uncut, Black man, 30-50. C.R., 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070. Must send # and picture.

Heart And Soul

Physically active, trim, professional, Asian, 43, 5'9", seeks a similar gym-toned, cleanshaven, altruistic, WM for sharing eclectic experiences and being an adventurous companion. We enjoy ethnic foods, cultural arts, travel, camping, gardening, films, sports, workouts and humorous to intellectual conversations. With sincerity and sensitivity, we are capable of developing a relationship through mutual bonding based on our masculinity and maturity. Respond to PO Box 27042, SF 94127 or call ★★9881.

Hey Buddy

20-something, grn/blnd, HIV-, Kenneth Branaghesque, Sagg., seeks Ethan Hawke-ish/"Melrose" GWM, under 30, for Italian food, movies, bicycling, dancing, snappy dialogue, good hugs and ...? Loves: God, Clinton, chocolate, music, sense of humor, "Beauty & the Beast" & "Dead Again." Hates: pretentiousness, insincerity, intolerance. Often late, usually disorganized, somewhat crazed & very, very romantic. "Take my hand/ We're off to Never-Never Land." Call ★★9882.

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Handsome GBM, 25, HIV-, quasi-vegetarian, seeks playmate/boyfriend. Active in LYRIC & Stop AIDS Project; into dancing, clubbing, working out, fun in the sun, quiet afternoons at home with a good sci-fi novel & Barbra on the stereo. Please be reasonably handsome, under 40, nonsmoking GM, unafraid of honesty, openness, regressing to childhood for some serious fun, and very hot (safe) sex. Photo please! Call ★★9883.

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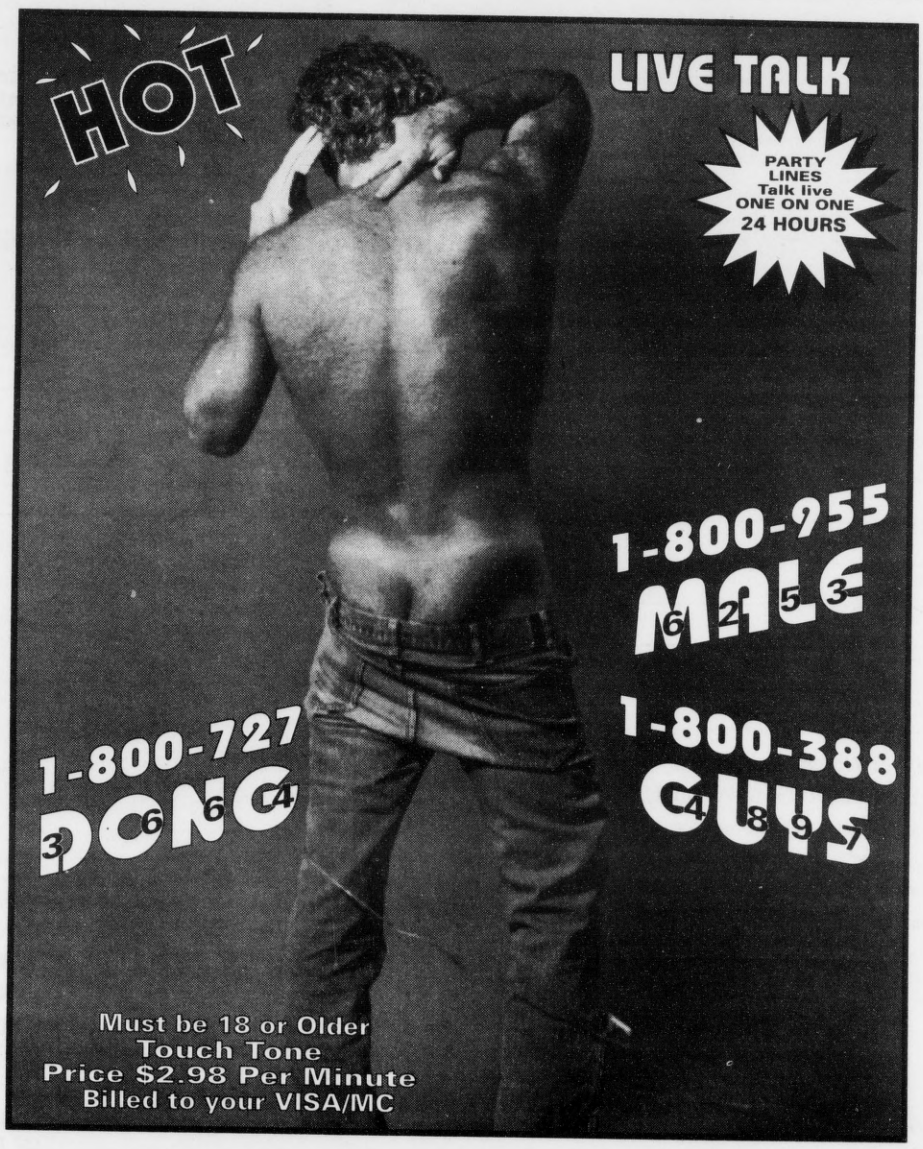

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Not Mr. Rice

GAM, 29, long hair, beard, on muscley side. Former Ivy Leaguer working in the non-profit sector to fulfill my dream of being a starving artist. Don't drink, drug or smoke; after years of living on the edge (too many black clothes) find myself looking for more balance. Interested in man my age or older with good mind, creative/artistic bent, trim to fit body, with love of mass culture and good coffee. Call ★★9886.

Sleep With An Angel

Affectionate, nurturing, clean-cut, very handsome, nice bod GBM, HIV-, 30s, 6'2", 165, welcomes a man who has strong, open arms, is self-assured and caring. Ability to communicate interest in another besides own's own self-interest, sound values, integrity, fidelity and a good heart are more important than your looks or race. Drop a note to BT Box SP125A or call ★★9887. You'll be able to soar with this angel.

Let's Fall In Love

Does this sound scary? Well, it does to me too. But it's something I want. I'm 28, affectionate, romantic, attractive, 5'11" & 170#. My favorite thing to do is cuddle in bed. And the next best is to kiss. I'm looking for someone who is similar and who is a top. I like to bowl, concerts, movies or just spending a romantic night with you. Answer this! Call ★★9888.

Mega Bottom Wanted

Hot, smooth, Latin, Asian, White bottom wanted by hairy, hung GWM, 30s. I'm a passionate top-man, but here's the plan: You're turned on by the idea of two or more tops "topping you" at one of the private clubs in town. We go to one, start the action, and see what develops. Safe action only, always. Interested, ready or curious? Then call and let's play! Call ★★9889.

Uncut Lovers

WM, late 40s, strong, firm body, healthy. I am 5'11", 178 lbs., br/bl, 'stache. Looking for a hot mouth-deep throat for my big uncut. I am educated, speak several languages, have traveled extensively, enjoy movies, good books, but good sex is very important. Like to play with a nice butt. Also into massage. Reply BT Box SP126A or call ★★9890.

Comic Book Super Villain

Seeks HIV- partner in crime to play out dominance and submission fantasies. You must be well-built and enjoy slipping on skin-tight gear. I'm 40, HIV-, GWM, good-looking, nice body, great personality, safe, trustworthy, fun, playful and intense. I don't need drugs or alcohol to have a great time. You don't either. Call ★★9891.

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Stirs in a bearded-bald GBM seeking rainbow's end in one-on-one relationship. Who yearns to know before we blow; to feel before we reel; to care before we bare it all; to install a solid friendship before we fall in love; to climb into each other's mind as we wine and dine at home or abroad. Me: a mellowing intense 43, 5'6", 150#, fit BB, into the spirit-mind-soul-and-body connection, teeming with cuddly affection and a strong predilection to laugh! A spawning writer, lay minister and "private" dancer. You: a bronzed, gym-toned, open-minded prof., drug- and smoke-free, versatile (top), into caring and sharing. Why not throw your wishes into the mix and discover whether this Black genie is your sure-fix for love and happiness. Send word and pix. Reply BT Box SP127A or call ★★9893.

Work Them Tits!

Gym-going GWM student, 25, HIV-, big chest, pierced tits, seeks man who can make my tits sing! You should be 20-40, have nice pecs and be into them. I'm into J/O, FrA/P, GrA. Open to poss. relationship. Give me a call! Call ★★9894.

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Top This

Seeking hot topman for "2 on 1" safe "Topfest." Bottom: sexy, masculine, dark Asian. The perfect top is 28-42, handsome, masculine, hairy, with nice chest, moustache, brown or dark blond hair. Arabic men and big or thick cocks a plus. Nonsmoker preferred. Let's take turns driving him wild! Send letter/photo to: PO Box 196, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★9896.

Men On Me

Our next ad is a cute, clean-cut, and physically fit GWM, 5'10", 145, who has been working too hard this summer. He's looking for fun with another GWM with similar stats to do the usual stuff, to rub each other's "muscley" bodies and get sweaty between the sheets. We give it two snaps up with a condom. Nonsmokers only, please. Photo, letter to PO Box 31825, SF 94131.

Usted Es Mi Esperanza

I see and feel the passion in your eyes when we pass on the street. You are wanting sex and so am I—but we both want more. You are Hispanic, emotionally available, 30-50 yrs. old, have your life and self together. I am clean-cut, good-looking, young 45, professional, HIV+, 5'7", 140 lbs., 30" waist, blond, blue, sexually versatile, romantic, living alone near Mission Dolores, music-loving man. I have a good life and seek someone special to share it. You are not afraid to call or write. No cojones—no esperanza. Reply BT Box SP128A or call ★★9897.

Long-Haired Renaissance Man

Transplanting from East Coast to San Francisco in December. Attractive, 35, 5'9", 155, gym-toned dancer's build, NS, Italian/Czech. Quiet hazel eyes, luscious lips, warm countenance. Some passions: professional floral design, interior zen gardens, rock-bottom streams, nature trails, neo-classicism, gothic architecture, Cafe Flore, chocolate chip cookies, Butoh, primal drums, Prospero's Books, reading together in bed, falling asleep cuddling, interpreting dreams, castles, Disneyworld, new-thought living, meditation, night owl candlelit conversations, silliness, more cookies. I seek kindred-spirits, artists, musicians, writers, performers, dancers. Especially aroused by slender, healthy, furry bear gentlemen (not hung). Open to nurturing lifemate relationship. Reply BT Box SP129A.

GWM Relatively New to SF...

Originally from Dallas, who's affectionate, sensual, bright, somewhat intense, sensible, philistine, playful, energetic, agnostic, precocious, 20, 5'11", 145, dark blond/blue, smooth, HIV-, not tanned, attractive and a vehement nonsmoker, and enjoys eating, kissing, travel and music (Eartha to Erasure, Pointer Sisters to Pet Shop Boys) is seeking a smart, reasonably articulate and attractive, affectionate, non- or light-drinking GWM or GLM, 18-32, whose maturity at least equals age. Boxholder, 740-A 14th St., Box 217, SF 94114 or call ★★9898.

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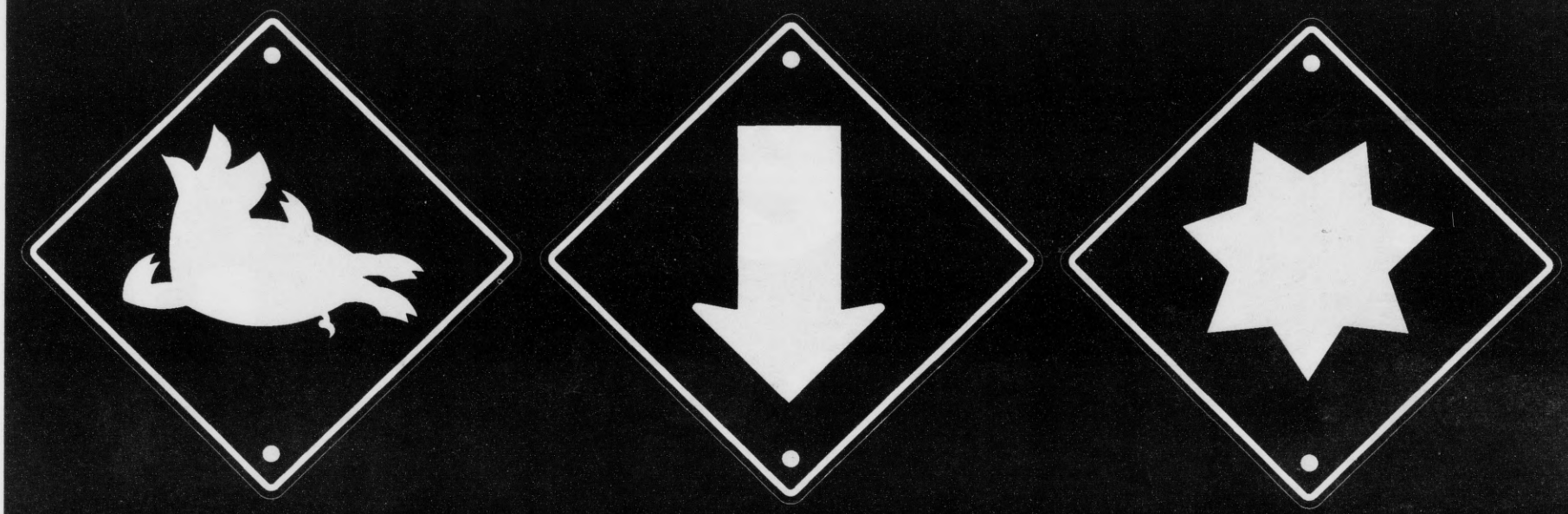

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